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## 'Vegetative' patient wakes up after seven years

Case raises doubts over doctors' ability to diagnose 'brain deaths'

**Clare Dyer**  
Legal Correspondent

**A** MAN who for seven years was thought to be in the same permanent unconscious state as the 'right to die' Hillsborough victim, Tony Bland, has become aware of his surroundings and is communicating with hospital staff.

At one time the health authority caring for the man in

and raises serious doubts about safeguards to ensure against mistakes in right to die cases.

This week a brain-damaged musician at the same hospital, who had also been diagnosed as in PVS, told police he was attacked on a late night train nearly two years ago.

The businessman's case is much more remarkable because of the length of time he was thought to be unconscious, after an anaesthetic error during a routine operation.

Cases like his, where the brain has been starved of oxy-

gen, are also thought to be less likely to be wrongly diagnosed than head injuries.

The High Court has approved the withdrawal of feeding in eight cases so far, including Tony Bland's, and four more are in the pipeline.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the court's family division, who has taken the decision personally in about half the cases, is said to be extremely concerned about reports of PVS patients "waking up" after several years.

Five judges reserved judgment last week in the first Scottish case. Janet Johnstone, aged 53, has been vegetative for four years after

overdosing with medicines prescribed for her.

Not all the English cases have been as thoroughly investigated as Tony Bland's, which went to court in 1992 and ended in his death the following year. In 1994, the High Court and Court of Appeal approved a decision by doctors caring for a 24-year-old man diagnosed as in PVS for 3½ years, after a massive drug overdose, not to reconnect his feeding tube, which had become dislodged.

The decision was sanctioned even though a QC acting for the Official Solicitor said the tube should be reinstated pending a full investi-

gation with opinions from independent experts as in the Bland case.

The British Medical Association's medical ethics committee recommended in 1992 that decisions on withdrawing treatment should wait until the patient was thought to have been in PVS for at least a year. It said it would be reasonable to remove invasive treatment, including artificial nutrition, if the doctor caring for the patient judged there was no reasonable chance of improvement and two other doctors independently concurred.

At least two experts diagnosed the businessman, in his

late middle age, as permanently vegetative. One of them, Professor Bryan Jennett, Britain's leading expert on PVS, said: "It's very alarming if he's waking up. I saw him and didn't think there was any doubt - it was PVS."

Keith Andrews, director of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, in Putney, south-west London, where the man is now a patient, said he was mentally competent enough to be asked whether he wanted to be interviewed by a newspaper and was able to indicate his refusal. Dr Andrews, who was reluctant to discuss the case, would not say how the man communi-

ated his wishes, except that it was a "team effort" involving other staff. The Guardian knows the family's identity but has decided not to reveal it because the man's wife is ill and the family does not want publicity.

In a report awaiting publication, Dr Andrews gives details of a "significant" number of patients whom he says have been misdiagnosed as being in PVS. He described the results as "rightening".

Some were missed cases of "locked-in syndrome" - where the patient is paralysed and unable to speak but the brain may be functioning normally, he said.

## Concern grows on gun control

Three police forces failed to prove claims made against Dunblane killer

**Peter Hetherington**  
and **Duncan Campbell**

**T**HE man who killed 16 children, their teacher and then himself with legally-held firearms in Dunblane on Wednesday has been investigated by three separate police forces, it was claimed last night. Each decided there was insufficient evidence to prosecute and no attempt was made to revoke his firearms certificate.

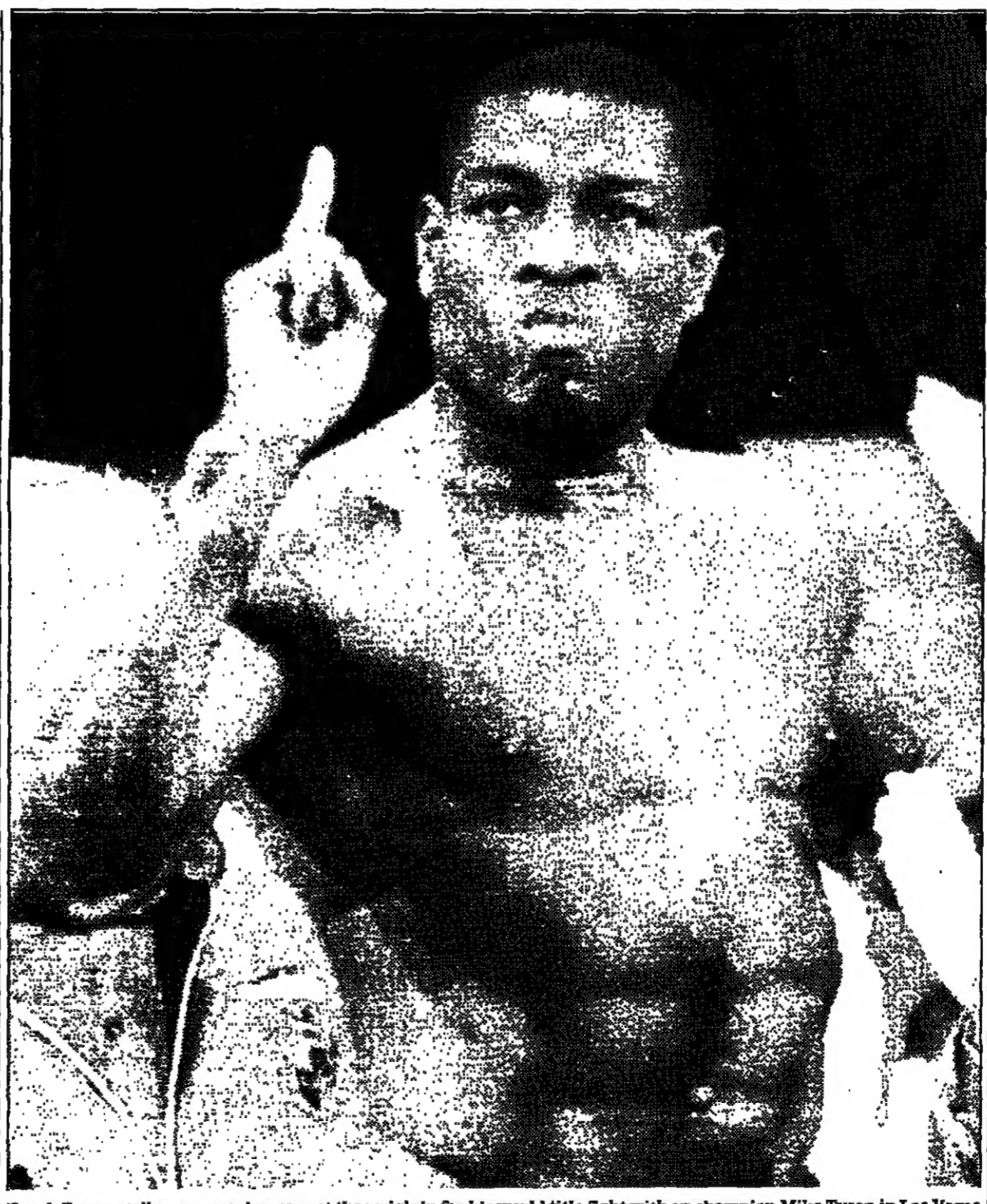
As concern mounted about the ease with which a man as apparently unstable as Thomas Hamilton was able to gain access to guns, politicians from all parties called for changes in the way firearms certificates are granted.

Denis Canavan, whose constituency borders Stirling, said it was unexpected that Hamilton should have been allowed a firearms certificate. "This man was known for his erratic behaviour and instability. This should have been sufficient reason to refuse a firearms licence."

Michael Stephen, vice-chairman of the Conservative backbench home affairs committee, said: "What seems rather extraordinary is the way in which the rules were applied in this particular case. I would have thought he was an unacceptable person."

It was confirmed last night that the Queen will visit Dunblane tomorrow and that a minute's silence will be observed at sporting fixtures, rallies and church services, railway stations and supermarkets tomorrow.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister and the Labour leader, Tony Blair, visited the school and one of the hospitals treating the injured. John Major appealed for a minute's silence and proposed demolishing the school gym, where the shootings took place. "We must tear it down," he said, after spending 45 minutes at the school.



Frank Bruno strikes a menacing pose at the weigh-in for his world title fight with ex-champion Mike Tyson in Las Vegas tonight. The 17st 9lb champion, who will be watched by 5,000 British boxing fans, lost to Tyson seven years ago, but said: "I'm like vintage wine. I'm mature." Preview, page 12; Leader, page 14; Peter Preston, page 18

Senior council officials who met Hamilton regularly said they always suspected he would snap at some stage. But they were unable to recommend stronger action because police could not stand up allegations of child molesting and misconduct.

Yesterday, it was confirmed that Hamilton had been investigated by police in 1988 and that a report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal in Dumfriesshire. No action was taken, but it is understood the complaint was about the way he ran a boys' camp and about him slapping a child. There was no suggestion of sexual malpractice.

A woman has also claimed that after she had reported Hamilton to the police he threatened her with a gun. A spokesman for Central police said they had no record of such an incident.

A woman now living in Dyfed in Wales said she had raised suspicions about Hamilton with the local council and that had been investigated. After he was cleared, it was claimed the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth wrote to him saying: "Thank you for sending me the commissioner's report and may I congratulate you on your success." Hamilton sent the woman a copy to back up his claim of innocence.

It has also been suggested that Hamilton was arrested 18 months ago in Edinburgh for an act of indecency in a public lavatory and cautioned.

Yesterday, a spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said that after checking all their records, there was no evidence that Hamilton had been cautioned.

Duncan Campbell, who retired last year as the Central regional council's senior solicitor, said: "Colleagues who had dealt with Hamilton reckoned sooner or later something would go wrong. But they thought it unlikely it would go beyond an assault on an individual child."

Hamilton was licensed to hold two .357 revolvers and two 9mm pistols, believed to be the weapons used in the shooting. He was also allowed to keep a 7.62 rifle and a .22 rifle.

## HIV doctor's claims bring \$1.3m deal

Hollywood buys rights to tale of multi-drug treatment and romance with Aids patient

**San Katz in New York**

**P**UBLISHING circles on both sides of the Atlantic are abuzz over a new book by an American doctor who contracted the Aids virus and claims to have halted its progress by treating himself with a radical combination of drugs.

The New York-based publisher Bantam is understood to have paid \$1.3 million (£850,000) for the as yet unwritten story of Nahlon Johnson, a neuro-pathologist who

was infected with HIV in 1992 when he cut himself while doing a post-mortem on someone who had died of Aids.

Only days after the Bantam deal, Fox 2000, a division of Twentieth Century Fox, snapped up the film rights to Working on a Miracle for more than \$1 million, and Bloomsbury this week acquired British rights for more than \$150,000 (£96,000).

Within hours of Fox 2000 signing the film deal, copies of the 19-page proposal written by Dr Johnson and Joseph Olsahn, a well-regarded US

author, were being faxed around Hollywood. In the synopsis, Dr Johnson is understood to claim that he has "arrested the virus" by taking a combination of virtually every known Aids drug, including interleukin-2, a controversial treatment still undergoing clinical trials.

His agents have discouraged media coverage of the deal and stress that Mr Johnson does not claim to have found a cure. "He does appear to be dramatically improved," said Ron Bernstein, his Hollywood agent. "Is he cured? Time will tell."

But Aids experts familiar with Dr Johnson's case warn that his drug regimen is less novel than he believes. "He didn't eschew conventional treatments, he devoured them," said Martin Delaney, founder of Project Inform in San Francisco.

"There's always a subset of people who will take anything they can get their hands on."

Mr Delaney added: "It is perfectly normal for people to be absolutely healthy for years after contracting the virus."

Working on a Miracle also tells the story of Dr Johnson's romance with a poor Aids patient. Dr Johnson is now understood to be treating her.

"It's a combination of the romance and how he dealt with the disease that is what is so exciting about it," Mr Bernstein said.

## Barings top brass charged over Leeson

**Dan Atkinson**  
and **Sarah Whitcomb**

**P**ETER Baring, the former chairman of Barings Bank, has escaped disciplinary action over the Nick Leeson affair by ruling himself out of the City for good, it emerged last night.

Other former senior executives at Barings were yesterday told of disciplinary charges that could result in unlimited fines or expulsion from the finance industry.

In the first British action against Barings' top brass, the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) - which polices brokers and merchant bankers - announced charges have been brought against a number of persons involved with Barings.

It refused to name them, but they are believed to include a raft of former Barings executives such as the head of the investment bank, Peter Norris, and director Ron Baker, both of whom left under a cloud a year ago.

The Guardian has learned that the Securities and Investments Board - the master regulator - may ban individuals from the entire financial sector, for life. The Section 68

sanction has been used in only a few cases, such as that of fraudster Roger LeVitt.

Any action by the board will have to await the outcome of the SFA's disciplinary proceedings; these could take between a month and more than a year, depending on pleas and appeals.

But Peter Baring and his former deputy, Andrew Tuckey, will not face charges. The SFA said yesterday their roles in the £800 million collapse of Barings in February 1995 - caused by the wild gambles of rogue trader Nick Leeson - had been reviewed.

It had found "no evidence indicating that responsibility for the insolvency of the group can be attributed to their actions."

The authority added: "However, [we have]... sought assurances from both Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey regarding the future."

Mr Baring is to leave the City for good. Mr Tuckey is to restrict himself "for the foreseeable future" to consultancy-type positions in the corporate finance field that do not involve command or control of City firms.

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# Shockwaves follow Fokker's fall

## Shorts may cut 1,000 jobs in blow to Ulster

David Gow and David Sharrock in Belfast

THE largely Protestant enclave of east Belfast yesterday faced up to 1,000 job losses at Shorts Brothers, the aircraft-maker, after the Dutch aerospace company Fokker decided to file for bankruptcy.

Northern Ireland's biggest private-sector employer, which built wings for Fokker aircraft, sent home 700 workers on full pay as management warned that 1,000 job losses — and potentially as many again in the surrounding economy — would result from one of Holland's biggest corporate failures.

In Belfast the likely redundancies, fewer than feared, was greeted almost casually but in Amsterdam the announcement of 5,604 redundancies cast a deep gloom over the company's plants at Schiphol airport, where long-standing employees wept.

The Klinkenberg, a security guard at Fokker's main plant, said: "I've worked 37 years for this company. I've never had a day without a job and now I'll be punished until the day I die... It is intensely sad."

Another worker, Ben Hom, said as he left the factory: "I'm devastated. Of course, we saw it coming when things got worse earlier this week."

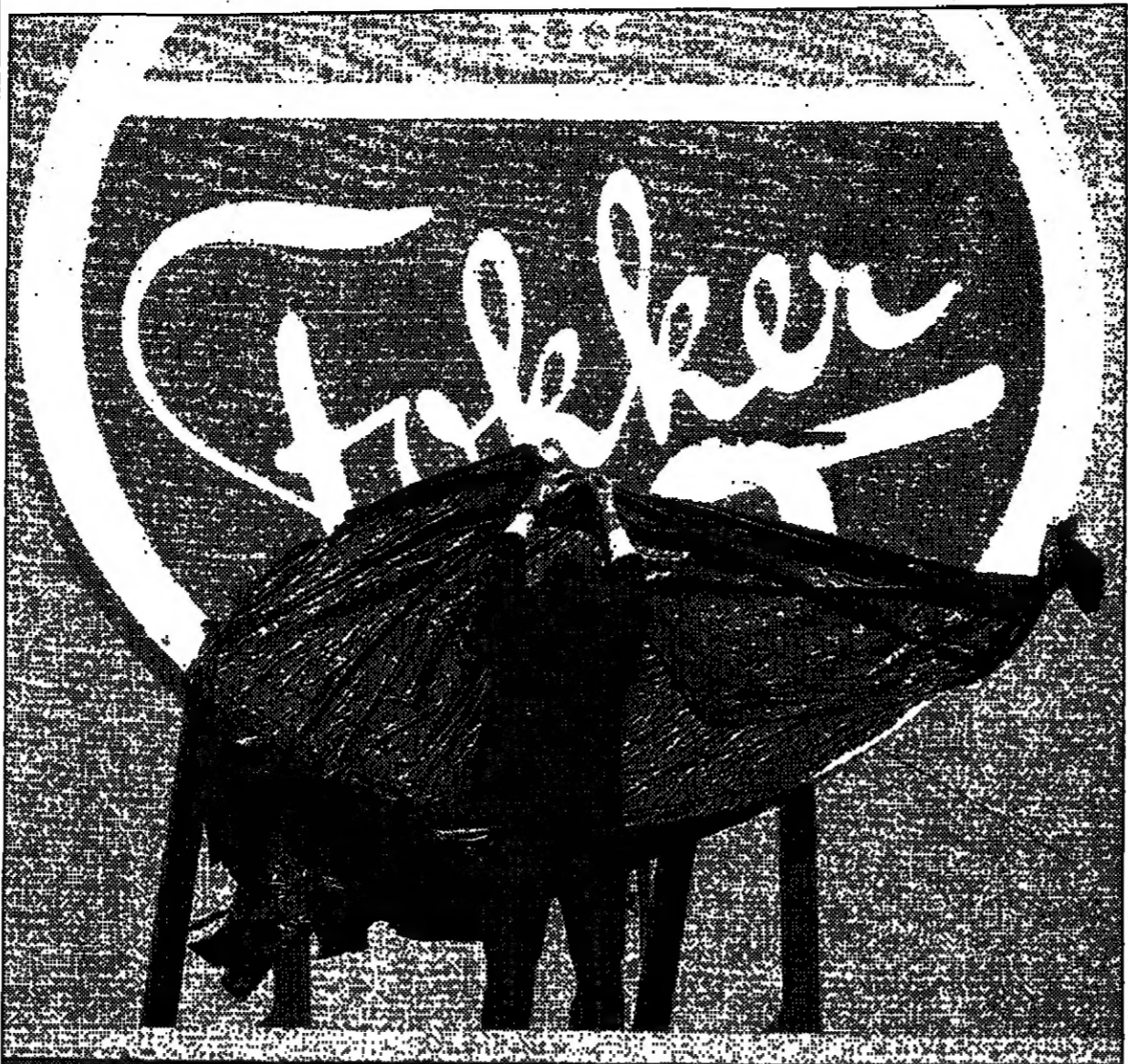
but the final news was like a punch in the face. It was like being beaten up."

The news was announced by the chairman, Ben van Schaik, at the city's aviation museum, the Aviodome, home of the Fokker bi- and tri-planes flown in the first world war by the ace German pilot, Manfred von Richthofen or "Red Baron" when the firm was a by-word for flying excellence.

Fokker, which made regional turboprops and jetliners, provided 20 per cent of Shorts' turnover, and production on contracts for the Dutch company was suspended at once yesterday. But Ken Brundell, vice-president of aerospace operations, said some of the 1,400 employees affected could be deployed to other parts of the company.

Shorts' owner, the Canadian aircraft-manufacturer Bombardier, helped seal Fokker's fate when it decided last month against bidding for its Dutch rival, but last night some City analysts suggested it might make a move now — acquiring key elements much more cheaply.

Samsung Aerospace of South Korea, which held talks with Fokker into the early hours of yesterday but failed to make a bid, also indicated from Seoul it might want to take the bankrupt firm over — eventually.



A Fokker employee covers the firm's sign at its Amsterdam HQ yesterday

## Crash exposes flaw in plan to challenge US

David Gow and Simon Beavis

THE demise of Fokker, a once-illustrious Dutch firm largely owned by Germany, producing planes partly built by Northern Irish workers and powered by British engines, has exposed a fatal flaw in the European project of welding together an aerospace industry capable of competing with the Americans.

Certainly, that was the view yesterday in Amsterdam of an embittered Hans Wijers, Dutch minister of economic affairs. "The experience of the last few months has taught us that as far as the aircraft industry is concerned Europe does not exist; in fact the opposite is true, Europe is a jumble," he said.

The more perceptive industry executives like Dick Evans of British Aerospace or Jürgen Schrempf of Daimler-Benz know that if the Europeans are to avoid extinction at the hands of US giants such as Boeing, joint ventures, mergers and, ultimately, fusions under one roof, are essential.

But Fokker's bankruptcy is not just a painful stage in that process. It underlined once again the interecinecine conflicts among European partners as they fight tooth-and-

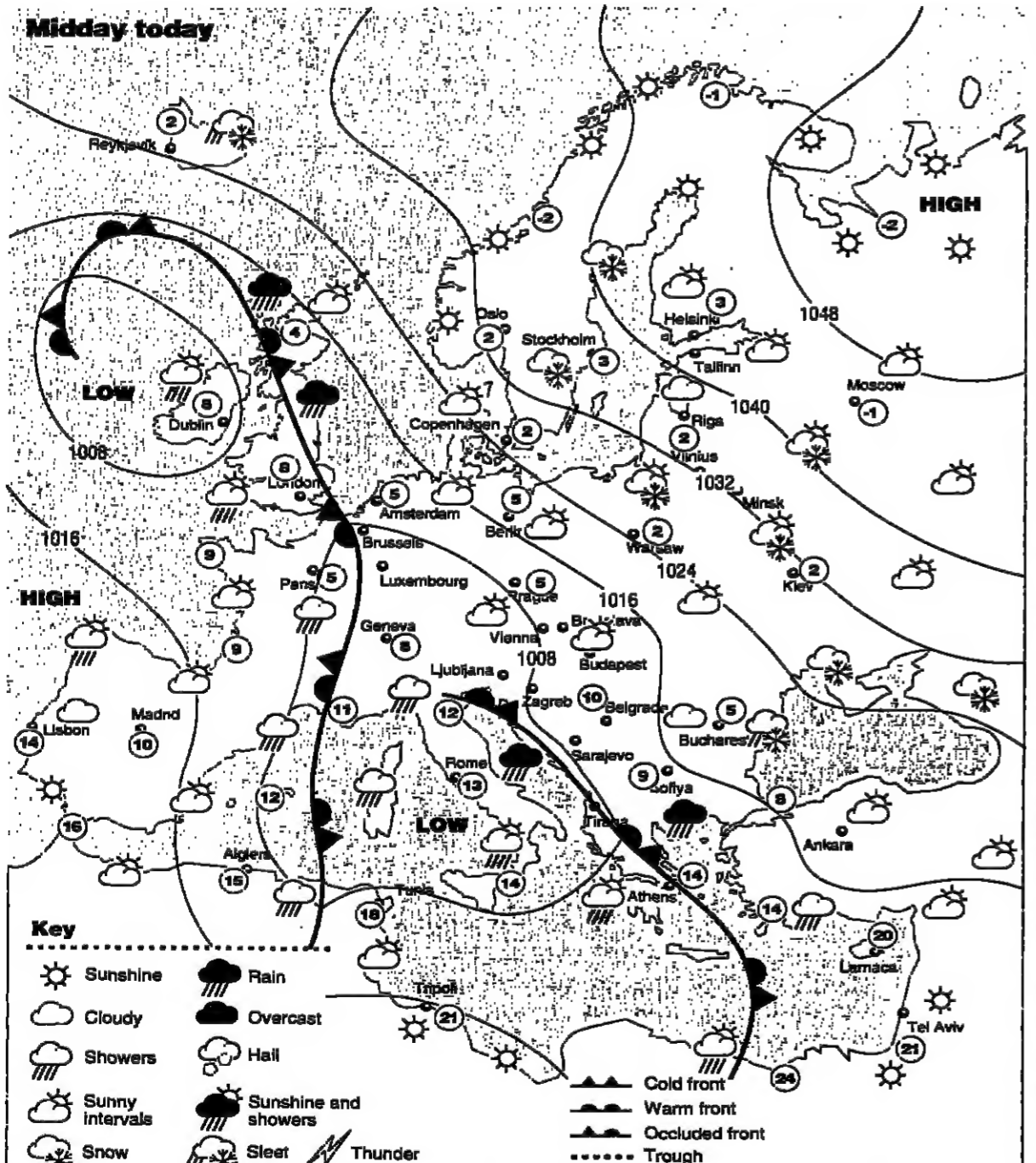
nailed for the lion's share of production and employment for their domestic workforces.

A vicious price war among aircraft makers, desperate to retain their share of an overcrowded market, completes the sorry picture. The Dutch firm's fate was sealed in late January when Mr Schrempf, architect of Daimler's purchase of a majority stake in Fokker, less than three years earlier, refused to pump any more money into it as Germany's biggest company headed for \$2 billion losses. But his original strategy had been to use Fokker to make Daimler's aerospace arm, Dasa, the dominant European player.

That strategy now lies in tatters and Mr Schrempf has let it be known that he will be willing to sell the loss-making Dornier, the German maker of small turboprops, as well. Dornier is just one of 15 suppliers of regional aircraft to the global market.

Logically, with Fokker gone, Dornier should be sold to or merged with AIR, the joint venture of BAA, France's Aerospatiale and Italy's Alenia. But the Germans still seem to be playing the regional aircraft industry, will have nothing to do with AIR and would prefer to work through the existing Airbus consortium with Britain, France and Italy to produce a new range of 100-seater aircraft.

### The weather in Europe



### Forecast for the cities

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Paris	10	10	Cloudy
Berlin	9	9	Cloudy
Moscow	5	5	Cloudy
Amsterdam	10	10	Cloudy
Stockholm	8	8	Cloudy
Madrid	12	12	Cloudy
Rome	13	13	Cloudy
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### European weather outlook

Central and southern France will be cloudy and damp with some heavy rain over the southern tundra. Northern France should be drier and brighter with seasonal normal temperatures. Max temp 10-14C.

### Television and radio — Saturday

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'Great warmth comes out to the people here from every part of the country'



Tony Blair and John Major talk to pupils and parents after laying wreaths at Dunblane school yesterday

# Political foes link arms to lead mourning

Erlend Clouston, Vivak Chaudhary and Martin Walwright

**J**OHN MAJOR and Tony Blair yesterday led the national mourning over the Dunblane primary school shootings, laying wreaths at the school gate and praising the resilience of staff in the face of Thomas Hamilton's "evil act".

The Prime Minister proposed that section of the school building, which doubles up as an assembly hall, be demolished. He also appealed for a minute's silence on Sunday - Mother's Day.

The Queen abandoned a ceremonial speech yesterday to read a brief and heartfelt tribute to the people of Dunblane and the courage of shattered families.

The Prime Minister said he had been struck by the strength and resolution of the teachers he spoke to. "I hope the pupils of this school, everyone connected with it in every way, the teachers, and the ancillary staff, I hope they understand the enormous warmth that comes out to them from every part of the country at the moment."

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Both politicians spent about 20 minutes talking to the medical staff. Some looked visibly distressed and sobbed as they spoke.

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Gerry McDermott, a spokesman for the board, said the joint visit would have helped the community. "It stresses the better side of human nature and is a great comfort to those who were present."



The Queen speaking of her sorrow in Leeds yesterday

**M**EDICAL staff who witnessed the carnage at Dunblane Primary School spoke for the first time yesterday about the incident, saying nothing could have prepared them for the scenes of horror.



Amie Adam, aged five: back in intensive care

and a child were just there at my feet. There were bodies everywhere. It just seemed they died where they stood, it didn't seem they had long enough to move an arm or leg."

Dr Fleming, who has worked at Stirling Royal Infirmary since December 1994, said that when she entered the school gym, she saw some children already being treated by local GPs. "I went into the second entrance to check the dead for signs of life. We had a quick look around and then you go to the ones who are alive, and sort out your priorities."

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As doctors described the carnage at the school, colleagues announced that one of the survivors being treated in the Yorkhill hospital, Glasgow, had suffered a relapse and was being moved back into intensive care.

Both injured teachers are described as comfortable and will undergo routine operations over the next few days.

Senior staff nurse Wilma Dugan wept as she recalled the arrival of the first dead and injured children at hospital. "They were so small, so wee, and they all looked so pale."

## Judge's wide-ranging inquiry could last a year or more

Rebecca Smithers and Alan Travis

**T**HE inquiry ordered into the Dunblane school killings is expected to follow closely those established in Scotland to examine the Lockerbie and Piper Alpha disasters and the more recent Chinook helicopter crash.

Scottish judge who carried out the 13-month Piper Alpha oil rig inquiry, yesterday met the Lord Advocate and the Lord President of the Court of Session to discuss procedures and timetable.

People who give evidence to the fatal accident inquiry will do so in public and under oath. The inquiry can make recommendations to the Government.

Although Mr Forsyth told MPs that he would do everything possible to complete Lord Cullen's investigation as soon as possible, experts say it could take at least a year because of the range of issues it must tackle.

**I looked around to see that Mrs Knittel had suddenly turned into Luise Rainer. I recognised the same woman described by Henry Miller and the intense and lively dark eyes that shone from the screen over half a century ago.**

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# Teacher hit by boy wins record damages

Donald Macleod on a landmark case

A PRIMARY teacher who was permanently injured by a 10-year-old boy has been awarded record compensation of £82,500.

Her union said it would sue local authorities and grant-maintained school governors wherever possible in the face of rising violence in the classroom.

The Coventry teacher was hit by the boy as she tried to persuade him to return to a lesson. The pupil at Frederick Bird primary school shouted abuse at Hazel Spence-Young and then hit her under the chin. It is understood that she still has difficulty moving her neck.

Her case was taken up by the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers and settled by the local authority just before it went to court. Coventry did not admit liability.

Action was taken against the local education authority because the 10-year-old was below the age of criminal responsibility. It is understood that he had a history of behavioural problems since starting at nursery school.

The case should focus the attention of school management on the need to protect staff from children who were known to be violent, Mr de Gruchy said.

The union claimed it receives about 20 calls a week from members attacked by pupils, parents or intruders, but governing bodies were discouraging complaints to

police because they were worried about their school's reputation.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said the case illustrated a growing problem. "We intend to pursue more and more of these cases. We will be suing people left, right and centre if possible, to make employers face up to their responsibilities."

The out-of-court settlement is believed to be the largest sum paid for injuries to a teacher in a mainstream school, although larger sums have been paid in special schools and young offender centres.

The NASUWT, with other teaching unions, is pressing the Government for more powers to remove violent and disruptive children from mainstream schools. Headteachers also want a change in the law so that children who are excluded cannot return to a school after their parents appeal.

The threat to teachers was highlighted by the fatal stabbing of Philip Lawrence, the London headteacher who was being attacked by a gang at his school gates.

Ministers have accepted recommendations from a working party of teachers' representatives to allow police to search schools for knives and other weapons and to make it an offence to carry weapons. The ministers will table amendments to a Bill going through Parliament.



The BBC Concert Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Barry Wordsworth at yesterday's dress rehearsal of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at Golders Green Hippodrome, north London. The work is to be broadcast on March 27 as the climax of Radio 3's Fifties season. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

## 'Fiasco' claim over radio survey slump

Andrew Cuff  
Media Correspondent

THE radio industry was in disarray yesterday after a new method of measuring audiences was abandoned because it showed a dramatic slump in listening.

The radio research body, Rajar, denied there was embarrassment over the failure of the new system, but the BBC expressed frustration at the unreliable data.

Figures for the final quarter of 1995 had to be weighted to produce results comparable with those for previous quarters, meaning the industry had effectively lost count of its listeners.

Roger Gane, executive director of Rajar - jointly funded by the BBC, commercial radio and advertisers - issued a warning on using the figures for detailed analysis of stations' performances. But he denied the affair was a serious embarrassment. "Rajar has agreed the figures we have produced are appropriate and maintain the comparability of the data."

However, broadcasters have privately described the failure as a fiasco.

Under the old system a sample of about 50,000 listeners completed pre-printed diaries, indicating what times they had listened. The new system involved respondents compiling their own diaries by applying stickers of the stations they listened to.

Mr Gane said the results showed a substantial decline in weekly reach for nearly all stations, and appeared not to pick up "light listeners" who only tune in for short periods of time.

As the results were deemed unreliable, a review of the methodology is now under way. No decision has been taken on how figures for 1996's first quarter will be measured.

Sue Farr, BBC radio's head of marketing and publicity,

said: "It is a very frustrating position."

The weighted figures show most BBC radio services reasonably stable, including Radio 1's weekly audience of 11.2 million listeners. Talk Radio UK claimed it had attracted 3 million a week.

London's all-women station, Vival 96.3am, which slumped to a weekly reach of 59,000, is planning a relaunch after increasing the power of its transmitters which it blamed for its disastrous first year.

John Lee, aged 48, of Belvedere, was jailed for three months and ordered to pay £200 costs after he was convicted of eight offences of cruelty, causing suffering to chickens, procuring the birds to fight, and using his shed as a venue for cockfighting.

Mark Giles, aged 31, of South Billingshurst, was convicted of procuring cocks to fight, and was jailed for one month and ordered to pay £200 costs.

The other 10 were each fined £500 with £200 costs, while the youth was given a two-year conditional discharge.

Lee's counsel, Sarah Forshaw, told the court that cockfighting was an old Gypsy tradition and did not warrant a prison sentence.

"My client is from a very old Romany band. I do not suggest that the law is improper, but anyone attending a cockfight would be from an old Gypsy family brought up to believe it is one of their ancient aspects."

## Record for four ministers

Rebecca Smithers  
Political Correspondent

FOUR senior members of John Major's government earlier this parliamentary record books today for each notching up 16 years and 313 days in government - the longest continuous period this century.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and the Overseas Aid Minister, Baroness Chalker, were all appointed junior ministers in Margaret Thatcher's first government after the defeat of the Callaghan administration in the May



Kenneth Clarke: rumours that he is prepared to quit

1979 general election. Their first jobs were, respectively, transport, social services, Scotland, and employment, and they have

held a variety of posts since.

A former cabinet minister, Lady Chalker was elevated to the Lords by John Major after losing her Wallace seat in the 1992 general election.

Mr Clarke joined Mrs Thatcher's government at the tender age of 31. In her memoirs, Margaret Thatcher recalls her decision to appoint Mr Clarke to the Cabinet in 1981: "There are some people that it is better to bring in because they would cause more trouble outside."

Mr Major may be pondering those words amid rumours at Westminster that Mr Clarke is prepared to resign over differences with the Prime Minister on Europe.

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Vote by Russian MPs alarms former republics

# Duma 'resurrects' the Soviet Union

James Meek in Moscow

**T**HE RUSSIAN parliament voted overwhelmingly yesterday to renounce the agreement confirming the break-up of the Soviet Union, casting doubt on Russia's future recognition of the independence of 14 neighbouring countries, including the Baltic states and Ukraine.

The vote appears to have no immediate legal force. Members of the Communist Party, which moved it, admitted afterwards that it was a political gesture and insisted it would not harm relations with other former Soviet states.

But the sentiments expressed in the resolution will alarm the rest of the former Soviet Union and could lead to dangerous expectations of

imminent "liberation" in two already tense pro-Russian regions of the near abroad, Crimea and the left bank of the river Dnestr in Moldova.

The Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who remains the favourite to beat Boris Yeltsin in June's presidential elections, fears that his rival is trying to steal his image as the best guarantor of the reintegration of the former Soviet peoples.

But it is a long way from President Yeltsin's vague plan for a loose confederation of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which could be fleshed out later this month, to yesterday's vote, which many will see as a Communist statement of intent to restore the Soviet Union.

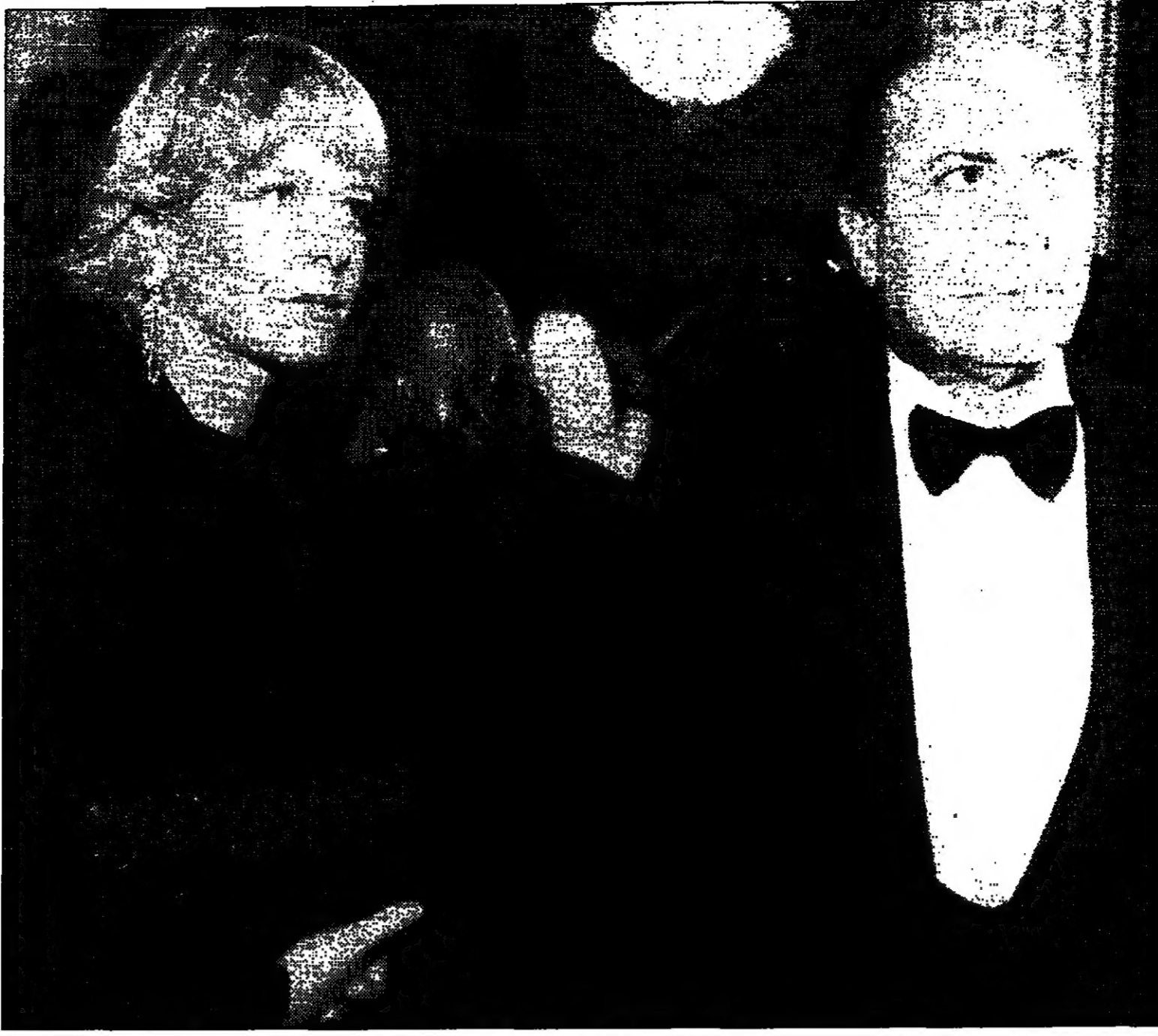
President Yeltsin wasted no time yesterday in condemning the "scandalous" Duma

vote. "Neither Ukraine nor any other former Union republic is going to march into the Soviet Union with a red flag," he said.

The arcane terms of the denunciation, approved by 250 votes to 98, involved cancelling a previous decision by parliament of December 1991 to annul the agreement setting up the Soviet Union almost 70 years before.

In a second vote yesterday, backed by 252 deputies against 39, the Duma declared legally valid a March 1991 Soviet-wide referendum supporting the continuing existence of the Union.

The gesture is likely to be popular among Russian voters, but will make the task of pro-integration politicians in countries like Belarus and Ukraine much harder in the face of heightened nationalist suspicions.



Taking centre stage... Countess Stefania Ariosto and rigwining leader Vittorio Dotti at La Scala opera house in Milan

PHOTOGRAPH LUCA BURNO

# Thugs terrorise Serbs

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

**T**HE United Nations yesterday accused Bosnian Federation police of standing by and allowing the intimidation of Serbs and the looting of their homes in the Sarajevo suburbs, undermining the city's chances of remaining multi-ethnic.

Since Tuesday, when the federation police moved into Ilidza, the largest suburb, the area has been infiltrated by Muslims reoccupying their former property or looking for new homes.

Sarajevo's criminal underworld has arrived with them, looking and threatening many of the Serbs who stayed behind after the suburbs transferred to federation control.

A group of well-known gang bosses sat outside an Ilidza cafe yesterday, laughing and chatting. Gangs of youths were carrying property away from houses in full view of federation police patrols.

"Federation policemen in the area seem to be less than interested in investigating these reports and indifferent towards preserving law and order in Ilidza," said Alexander Ivanko, a UN spokesman.

Two federation policemen were seen laughing and encouraging Muslims when they were verbally insulting

Aid for Bosnian army 'too little'

**A** DONOR conference to raise money to train and equip the Bosnian Federation army produced little in the way of pledges and funding yesterday, *Chris Nuttall writes from Ankara.*

The United States announced details of a \$100 million (\$55 million) donation of US military equipment. It included 45 battle tanks, 15 helicopters, 80 armoured personnel carriers, 1,000 machine guns and 45,000 rifles.

Although many Muslim countries attended, Turkey was the only other state to announce a contribution — \$2 million in training. The Bosnian delegation said pledges were far short of the \$1 billion in military aid it needed over the next year.

Serbs and trying to force them to leave their houses." Mr Ivanko said about 10,000 local Serbs had remained in the suburbs after their own authorities withdrew. They had been encouraged to stay by the international community, on the basis of guarantees from the federation au-

thorities that their rights would be respected.

"So I think the blame should be shared by the international community and the Bosnian government," Mr Ivanko said.

In the village of Vrlje Bosna, on the western edge of Ilidza, most of the 50 Serb families still in their homes were yesterday making plans to leave. Rajko Karabatak, a tough 46-year-old, was the only Serb determined to stay on, despite a brush with a Muslim gang.

"There were four of them," he said. "They asked me to exchange property with them. I said I didn't want to."

One of the gang had then pointed to two grenades lying on the ground, and asked Mr Karabatak what he was doing with them. The Serb, who had seen the man drop the grenades from his pockets, said he was not afraid. "I have done nothing to be ashamed of. I am totally clean, and I will stay at any price," he said.

Danilo Staka and his daughter disappeared days before Ilidza was handed over. UN human rights monitors fear they may have been abducted and killed by Serb extremists.

Nato and UN police patrols have been stepped up in Grbavica, the last Serb-held Sarajevo suburb, due to be handed over on Tuesday.

# Antiques dealer shops Berlusconi

John Hooper in Rome reports on a trail of evidence stretching from a fashionable boutique to the leader of the Italian right

**A** HIGH-SOCIETY noblewoman and former business partner of Princess Caroline of Monaco's late husband is the key witness in a bribery scandal that could have far-reaching effects on next month's Italian general election.

Countess Stefania Ariosto, aged 46, said this week she had told prosecutors investigating the business affairs of the leader of the Italian right, Silvio Berlusconi, that she had "seen

money change hands" at a party thrown by his lawyer in Rome.

"I saw it and others saw it," she told La Repubblica. "It was at the end of the eighties... People boasted of certain things in those days."

Ms Ariosto acknowledged that she was "witness Omega", whose testimony prompted a dawn raid last Wednesday on the home of a senior Rome judge.

Judge Renato Squillante was taken into custody on a warrant alleging that he had received "large sums of money in cash from companies headquartered in Milan which, for the moment, it is not opportune to identify".

Newspaper reports yesterday, apparently based on leaked reports of Judge Squillante's interrogation, said the companies were part of Mr Berlusconi's Milan-based Fininvest empire. The warrant claimed that the alleged bribes were handed over by Mr Berlusconi's lawyer in Rome, Cesare Previti, and a member of his chambers.

Mr Previti, who was also the television magnate's defence minister during the seven tumultuous months

that Mr Berlusconi governed Italy, has denied the claims. Mr Berlusconi accused the prosecutors investigating him of being "engaged in politics, not justice".

Ms Ariosto said she became involved in the inquiry through her antiques shop on Milan's most fashionable thoroughfare, Via Montenapoleone. Others with premises on the street

"And they began to ask me other questions," she said this week.

The countess has another link with Mr Berlusconi. Her escort for the past eight years is his party's leader in the lower house of the Italian parliament, Vittorio Dotti.

Ms Ariosto reported receiving death threats after she first gave evidence last July. She now lives at a secret location in Milan, protected round the clock by a five-strong team of armed revenue guards. She said she had moved

ber, she has a past strewn with financial controversy.

Her plan for a golf complex near Milan led to bankruptcy proceedings against both her and her partner, Stefano Casiraghi. Mr Casiraghi, who married Princess Caroline of Monaco, died in 1990 in an off-shore boating accident.

She is currently in dispute with her insurers over a robbery from her shop, which is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Yesterday she acknowledged not having paid rent on it for the past 10 years, but said this was because the cleric responsible for collecting the rent had refused to do so.

Ms Ariosto's evidence could do immense damage to Mr Berlusconi, who hopes to return to power after the April 21 poll. He is already on trial for bribing revenue guard officers.

The countess's key deposition is understood to concern a champagne and lobster supper at Mr Previti's house on the Piazza Farnese in Rome in late 1988.

In leaked testimony she was quoted as saying that she had seen Judge Squillante, Mr Previti and his associate standing together around a table.

"On the table there were numerous wads of money... Squillante was saying 'Yes, I'll take care of things'."

Investigators found among her takings bearer cheques drawn on an account which has attracted their curiosity

include Gucci, Ferragamo and Girolamo Sironi. Investigators discovered that among her "takings" were bearer cheques signed by Mr Berlusconi and drawn on an account which has attracted their curiosity.

She has said the cheques were used merely in payment for paintings and furniture for Mr Berlusconi's lavishly decorated mansion at Arcore near Milan.

But she was asked to show copies of receipts to seven tumultuous months

house three times in the past nine months. Shortly after Christmas a parcel was delivered to her latest, supposedly secret, address. Inside was a dead baby goat with its throat cut, she said.

"It was all full of blood and gave off an horrendous stench. I began screaming."

One of the several questions hanging over the inquiry is whether the countess will prove a sufficiently convincing witness. Once — by her own admission — a compulsive gambler,

### World news in brief

#### China announces new war games to coincide with vote

**C**HINA piled on the pressure against Taiwan yesterday, announcing yet another round of war games, a joint exercise of ground, sea and air forces close to a Taiwanese-held island and timed to straddle Taiwan's first direct presidential election next weekend, *Andrew Higgins in Taipei writes.*

The announcement of new military manoeuvres for March 18-25 came as the People's Liberation Army ended on schedule a series of missile tests that sent four M-9 rockets, a Chinese version of the Soviet-designed Scud, hurtling into the sea near Taiwan's two biggest ports, Keelung and Keelung.

China's media kept up a barrage of bile against the frontrunner in the March 23 poll, President Lee Teng-hui, who appears to have been strengthened by China's sabre-rattling. Beijing, frustrated in efforts to scare voters away from Mr Lee, decided the poll, the first of its kind in any Chinese society,

as "fake democracy" and "peaceful splittism".

The crisis has so far failed to spread panic on Taiwan's markets. Buoyed by a \$5 billion "stabilisation fund", the stock market rose sharply yesterday while Taiwan's currency reached a two-month high against the US dollar.

#### WHO attacks research 'crime'

**T**HE head of the World Health Organisation's tuberculosis research unit accused two Japanese drug-makers of failing to develop promising tuberculosis treatments during an "epidemic" of the disease.

Paul Nunn, chief of the WHO's global tuberculosis programme research and surveillance unit, said Dainippon Pharmaceutical Company and Daiichi Pharmaceutical Company had both patented compounds that could advance the treatment for tuberculosis.

"They are refusing to do the research," Mr Nunn told reporters at a conference in Stevenage on tuberculosis sponsored by Glaxo Wellcome, the drugmaker. "I happen to believe this is a crime."

Mr Nunn and other officials at the conference called on drug companies to put more research into treatments for tuberculosis, which kills about 3 million people worldwide a year. — AP.

#### 182 Journalists held in jail

At least 182 journalists were in jail in 23 countries at the end of last year, a record number and up from 173 the year before, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported.

For the second consecutive year, Turkey held more reporters in jail, 51, than any other country. Ethiopia was next with 31 journalists in jail, followed by China with 20, and Kuwait with 18, the report said. — Reuter.

#### Muppets are back

Ernie and Bert have returned, safe and sound, six weeks after they were abducted from a garden show exhibition in eastern Germany. — AP.

#### Radiation mishap

Two Georgian policemen and a railway guard received heavy doses of radiation after opening a container of nuclear waste out of curiosity, a news report said yesterday. — AP.

#### Bahrain round-up

A Bahraini opposition group claimed yesterday that some 400 suspected dissidents have been detained following an arson fire which killed seven Bangladeshis. — AP.

#### Called to account

Three soldiers are to be court-martialed for letting an Islamic suicide bomber slip into Israel from the Gaza Strip, the army said yesterday. — AP.

#### Fatal fish

A fisherman bled to death after being stabbed in the face by a leaping swordfish, police in Fiji said yesterday. — AP.

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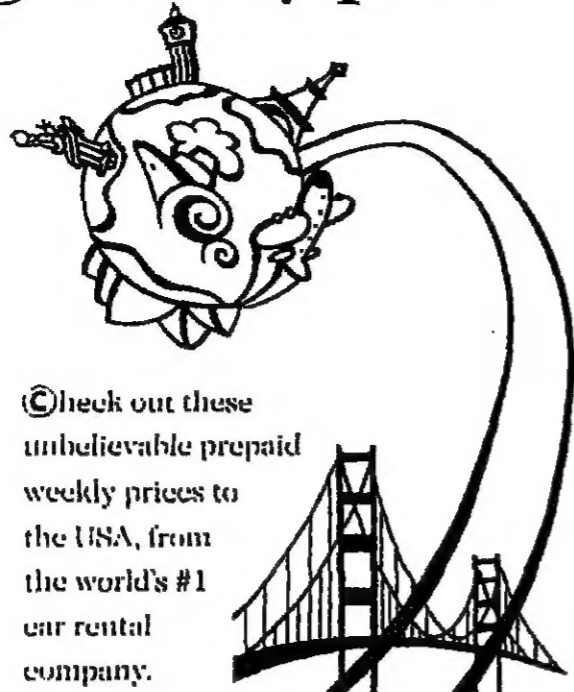
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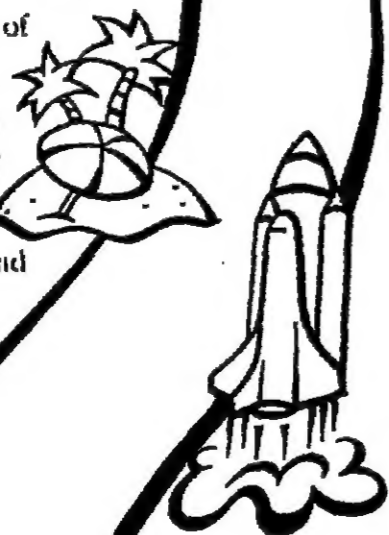
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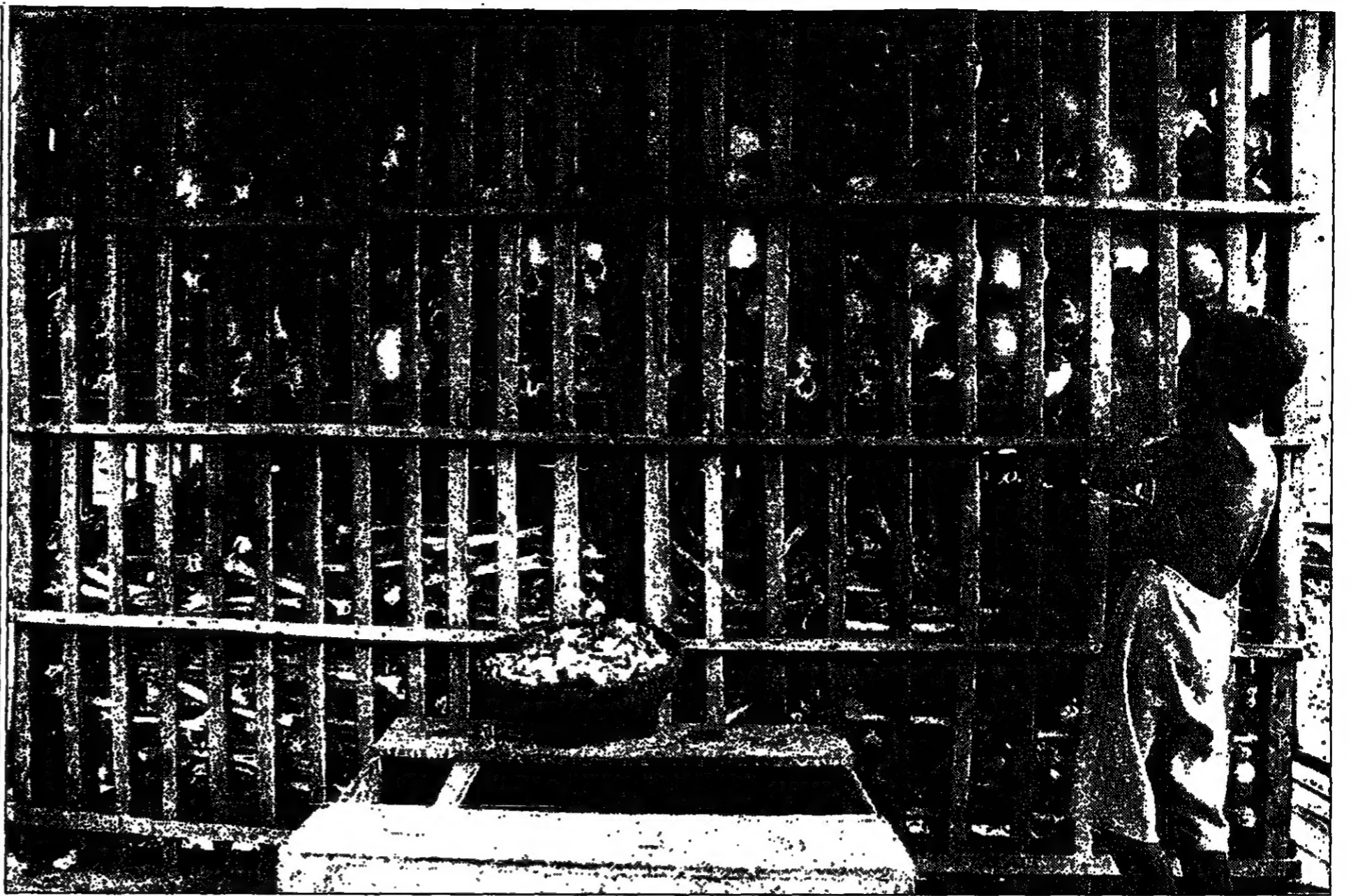
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Silent witnesses... A boy examines the skeletal remains of some 2,000 Khmer Rouge victims in a makeshift memorial at Sisophon in north-west Cambodia. PHOTOGRAPH: DOUG NIVEN

# Bloody toll of Khmer Rouge

As casualties mount in the army's advance on rebel redoubts, **Nick Cumming-Bruce** in Phnom Penh reveals new evidence that the scale of the killings by Pol Pot's regime was even greater than once thought. Below he looks at the role of King Sihanouk

**A** NEAT, round hole scars the tattooed belly dancing on Kouch Sovann's back, marking the exit of a bullet that entered the right side of his chest. At least he survived. Twenty fellow soldiers died, he says, in the fight with Khmer Rouge troops at Dead Tiger Village, near the border with Thailand, where he was shot.

One of the bloodiest military offensives for many years is under way as government forces attempt to deliver a crippling blow to the last redoubts of Pol Pot in the remote forest and mountains of south-western Cambodia. Their immediate goal appears to be Pailin, a bitterly contested gateway to the Khmer Rouge zone beyond.

Government and military leaders, whose promises of swift victories last year ended in a humiliating rout, are giving away little about the progress of this year's operations. By all accounts the military have mounted a more cautious and systematic offensive, securing supply lines as they advance.

Dead Tiger Village, a once well-defended Khmer Rouge camp protecting the route to key bases on the Thai border, has finally fallen to the government after weeks of fierce fighting, an officer in Phnom Penh claimed this week.

barrier of bullets and mines. "One or two people are killed every day," says Chey Map, aged 30, hunched over crutches in a Phnom Penh hospital, nursing a mine wound to his leg sustained in western Battambang province, scene of some of the heaviest fighting.

No one outside the military knows how many have been killed, only that soldiers say many are left where they fall and the wood sellers of Battambang report strong demand for cremations of those brought back.

**S**EVERAL truckloads of casualties arrive daily at Battambang's sprawling military hospital. Mr Map reported, often keeping surgeons cutting and stitching late into the night. Hospitals in these border provinces are swamped by wounded, Western aid workers in the area report, forcing the government to helicopter many casualties to the capital and elsewhere.

The fly-infested corridors of Phnom Penh's dilapidated military hospital are full of beds holding some of the spillover of soldiers from Battam-

bang whose uniform now includes the bandaged stump of an amputated arm or leg.

The ever-mounting toll of casualties chalked up to the Khmer Rouge is a brutally apt footnote to one of the most insanely murderous regimes of the century. Eighteen years after invading Vietnamese troops ended Pol Pot's rule, three years after United Nations-run elections they refused to contest, the once fearsome Maoist fanatics who lead the Khmer Rouge look politically spent and geographically marginalised.

Phnom Penh citizens who only a few years ago mullied the dangers of a Khmer Rouge return are now absorbed in commerce and the internal machinations of the regime. Six flights a day carry tourists to the temples of Angkor Wat near the north-western provincial capital of Siem Reap which only four years ago was briefly occupied by Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

more graves than we expected," reports Craig Etcheson, directing a programme organised by Yale University and funded by the US state department. "We originally expected a couple of hundred sites. We were quite wrong. We estimate there were between 10,000 and 20,000 mass graves in Cambodia."

"You have your pit, your well, your cave, your paddy field. You have small ones with a dozen people, medium-sized ones with a couple of



hundred and big ones with a couple of thousand. There is one with 4,000 bodies. The average is in the order of 100 to 250."

Earlier estimates that close to a million people died under the Khmer Rouge's four-year rule are left looking bleakly conservative. A figure of three million dead — more than half the population at the time — once dismissed as Vietnamese propaganda — is left looking less implausible.

accepted in the West, they also appear to have been more systematic than many previously concluded. A board of documents unearthed by Yale's researcher expose the workings of a huge bureaucracy of death, including numerous, lengthy lists detailing the prisoners executed. "Until recently nobody knew this stuff was there," Dr Etcheson remarks. "They were incredibly meticulous."

The great majority of the mass graves pinpointed are within a mile of a prison, Dr Etcheson notes, part of an extensive network stretching down to every district. "To kill that many people you have to really work at it," Dr Etcheson reflects. "It was an industry, perhaps Cambodia's biggest industry under the Khmer Rouge."

The masters of this apparatus have prepared their defences with equally meticulous attention to detail but are on the losing end of a race against time. Pol Pot, now said to have grown stout, suffers from intestinal problems. Nuon Chea, the shadowy No. 2 and Khmer Rouge ideologue, has had heart problems that forced him to undergo an operation in Bangkok.

The description came from a senior Khmer Rouge commander whose defection last month along with more than 350 fighters and another 850 family members who operated in the central Aural region of Cambodia highlighted the steady haemorrhage of support for Pol Pot since the 1993 elections. "Everybody wants to defect if they can come and live peacefully with the government," said Commander Pong Heng, the most senior Khmer Rouge official to defect to date.

26 years in the Khmer Rouge who said he served briefly on its central committee but now sports a government uniform. Commander Heng seems in a hurry to catch up with the material world. His terms for surrender are said to have included a demand for a £36,000 land cruiser.

Defections by thousands of lesser Khmer Rouge cadres and followers in the three years since the election have left the government uncontested in large areas of central and southern Cambodia.

**B**UT defections are harder for cadres where Pol Pot and his commanders have perhaps 5,000 hardcore guerrillas with less reason to surrender and, given the constant fighting, fewer opportunities. Any hopes their resistance might crumble away have been rudely disabused by the bloody toll of recent months.

If the government captured key positions like Pailin or the border base of Phnom M'al at least 80 per cent of the war will be over. Commander Heng asserted. But unless something changes dramatically very soon they won't, at least not this year.

## King up to his old tricks but political ace Hun Sen holds all the trumps

**R**EPORTS of his imminent demise appear premature. King Norodom Sihanouk returned to Cambodia from medical treatment in China this week looking to many awaiting him at the airport a picture of health, and betraying no symptom of the ailments he warned last weekend might soon leave him unable to fulfil his duties.



King Sihanouk: alive and well and still with a penchant for political theatrics. PHOTOGRAPH: ANAT GHION

As if to demonstrate his vigour, the 73-year-old monarch, famous for his political theatrics, quickly fired off a series of communications denouncing press reports of his comments about the royal succession and speculation on the motives behind his statement.

Yet his comments at the weekend on the possibility of appointing the national assembly president, Chhe Sim, to act as regent in his place has fuelled speculation about his attitude to an increasing and controversial concentration of power

in the hands of Cambodia's other prime minister, Hun Sen.

King Sihanouk has studiously avoided criticising any of Cambodia's political leaders, but in a lengthy interview with a local newspaper he made clear his uneasiness with national trends that many Cambodians say are increasingly set by Mr Hun Sen.

The once absolute ruler of Cambodia, ousted by a coup in 1970 and restored to the throne in 1993 as a purely constitutional mon-

arch, said he felt a stranger in "my second kingdom".

The constitution, laying the basis for multi-party politics, was a "paper monument", he said. Cambodians were not much concerned about liberal democracy; hypocritical foreign governments wanted good relations with whoever was in power, whatever their democratic credentials; the royalist party Funcinpec, which he created and passed on to Prince Ranariddh, was in danger of extinction.

He described as charismatic, popular and able another son, Prince Norodom Sirivudh, who was forced into exile by charges — widely regarded as bogus — of plotting to assassinate Mr Hun Sen.

Politicians of all hues appear to concede there is little they can do to check Mr Hun Sen's pre-eminence. Instead they are turning their attention and efforts to preparations for the next elections, still two years away, that will test the endurance of the political framework created in the aftermath of the United Nations' £1.3 billion Intervention in Cambodia.

Former finance minister turned government critic Sam Rainsy, now trying to launch a new political party in the face of official obstruction, spoke yesterday of starting a "silent revolution" more powerful than the military muscle Mr Hun Sen commands.

King Sihanouk's appraisal of Cambodia's prospects will offer them little comfort. Politicians like Mr Rainsy would remain in permanent opposition. Mr Hun Sen, he forecast, "will stay in power for years and years".

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RUGBY UNION: FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Robert Armstrong says that both England and Ireland may be ready to banish fear and play an expansive, entertaining game this afternoon

Twickenham the stage for risk-taking

ENGLAND'S biggest hurdle in today's final championship match could be the hard-to-please Twickenham crowd rather than the unpredictable Ireland team. The Triple Crown and possibly the Five Nations Cup are the major prizes that beckon Will Carling...

Ireland come to Twickenham in their customary role of underdogs but they too will want to develop a flexible 15-man style which can yield tries and please the crowd. Indeed, in their recent four-try victory over Wales...

presented a watershed for his squad. He believes that the confidence and mental toughness engendered by the win will help England develop a launching pad for a more expansive game. Even so, it is hard to see how Carling's side can switch smoothly from nine-man rugby to a slickly coordinated handling game...

Twickenham teams

REPLACEMENTS: England: J Carling (capt), P De Goeyrie (capt), K Bracken (capt), V Ugoji (capt), G Dave (capt), T Rother (capt).

Ireland: M McCull (capt), P Burke (capt), C Swanman (capt), P Johns (capt), M Harty (capt), K Kingan (capt), R Murray (capt).

with the midfield backs. It will be fascinating to see whether the talented Wasps flanker, widely regarded as England's next captain, uses his authority and explosive skills to shape the pattern that could be Ireland's nemesis.

jocularly dismissed Underwood's post-match drinking needs as "two Cokes", he indirectly paid tribute to a player who has devoted rigorous attention to personal fitness.



Carling... fitting send-off?

cause chaos among English forwards not best known for adapting to the unpredictable.

Dallaglio looks fit for long reign as king steps down

Frank Keating on the rise and rise of the crown prince waiting to lead England into a new world of adventure and originality

YESTERDAY at Twickenham, where England end their season today, it was the same sort of crisp, blissfully blue, bright day as when they had started it four months ago — although that sunshine was autumn's and this was heralding spring. The length of those four months from November to March can be gauged by the rise and rise of Lawrence Dallaglio's international career.

so', and therefore he stays as a number 50-and-so all his life. The ideal should be exactly the opposite: pick innate football talent and let it roam adventurously and naturally. In the autumn Dallaglio was thrust into the captaincy of Wasps when Andrew and Dean Ryan tipped sticks to announce rugby's new era...



Pointing the way... Dallaglio knows what he wants from a team PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BAPION

A International: England 56, Ireland 26

King is monarch of all he surveys

Robert Armstrong at Richmond

ALEX KING put a gloss on England's win with 28 points in an entertaining game at the Athletic Ground here yesterday. England plundered seven of the game's 11 tries in a confident, expansive style that was an object lesson to the senior side today.

for most of the 80 minutes, pulling sharply away with superb scores by Adebayo and Stimpson shortly before half-time. The back-row forwards Jenkins and Greenstock looked no quick and dynamic for the Irish pack, who tried to make up in commitment what they lacked in skill and tactical nous.

Wales v France at Cardiff Arms Park

Wales to weep at Cabannes swansong

IN THE brouhaha over Will Carling's semi-retirement this week it has almost gone unnoticed that Laurent Cabannes, one of the modern era, is almost certain to be playing his last game for France today. And it is a fragile Wales team that is attempting to stop Cabannes celebrating his swansong with the Five Nations Championship.

years in the Agen back row, but if that were the selectors want me I'll give it a go," he said. "We did win the championship in 1993 with Olivier Roumat and me in the second row, so perhaps it's a good omen."

been talking to Northampton. This afternoon he will be a key man in the line-out, where Wales will expect to achieve parity through their main jumpers Derwyn Jones and Gareth Llewellyn.

even though the sleet and snow forecast for South Wales will hardly favour a team built around the Toulouse club side. Yet a wooden spoon would seem cruel reward for Kevin Bowring's young side, who have scored five tries and played some imaginative if naive rugby this year.

Cardiff teams

Table with 2 columns: WALES and FRANCE. Lists players and their positions for the Cardiff match.



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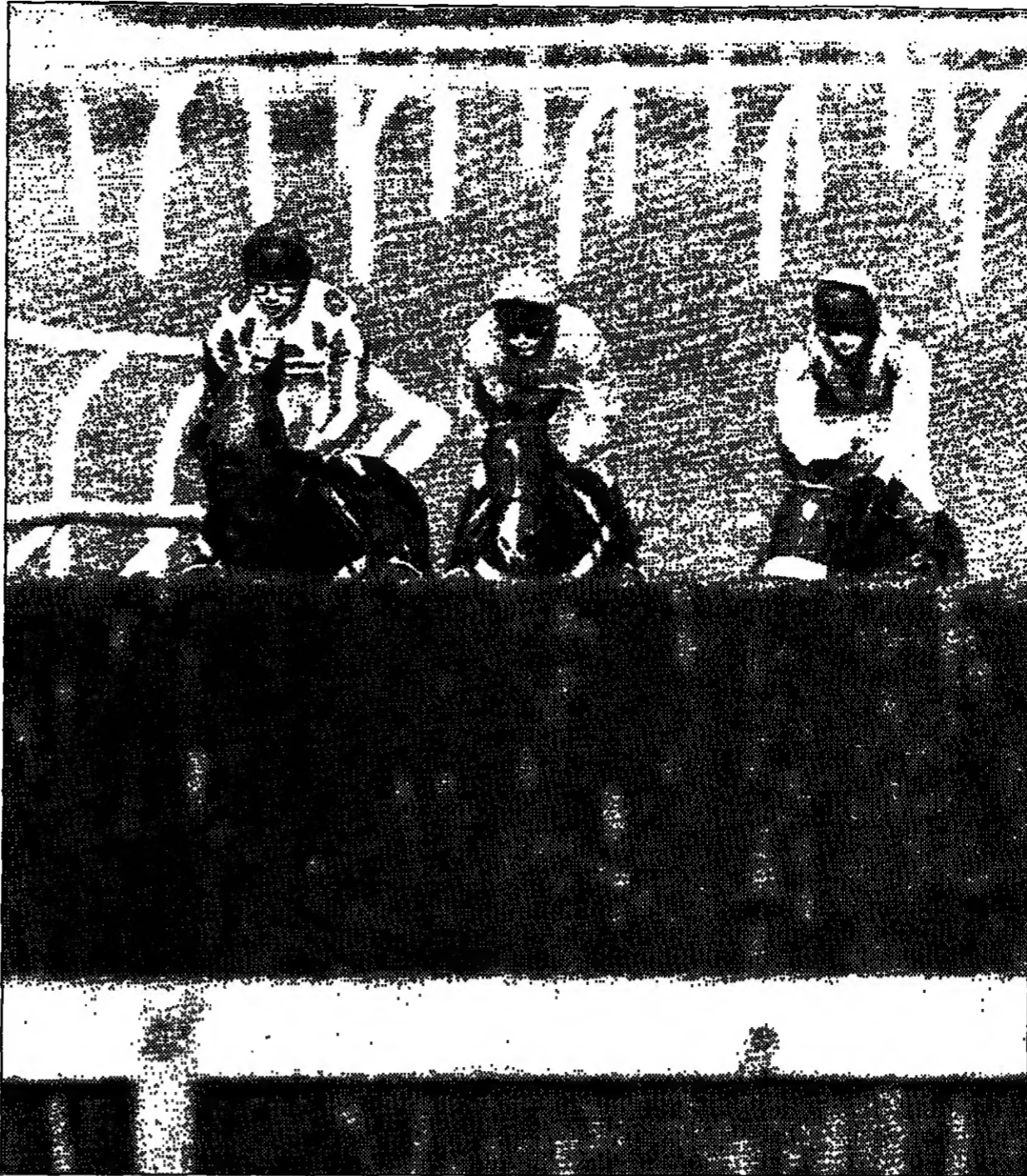
Racing

Killeshin to outstay the Aintree hopes

Non-qualifier can show again how unlucky he is to miss the National, says Ron Cox

THE FIELD for the Marcell Grand National two weeks today could be the smallest for 16 years after only 48 stood their ground at the latest forfeit stage...

tends to sulk when he is unable to dominate. Another Excuse looks best of three Irish runners. He pulled up behind Killeshin at Newcastle...



Measuring up... Sorbriere (centre) prepares for take off on his way to victory at Folkestone yesterday

Tests for One Man after Cup flop

ONE MAN, who finished nearly 30 lengths behind Imperial Call when trailing in sixth in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday, continues to baffle his connections...

Investigation into Festival deaths

AN investigation into the deaths of 10 horses at this week's Cheltenham Festival is underway, with the results expected at the end of next month...

Uttoxeter runners and riders with TV form

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Golf Lyle has his fill of Bay Hill



David Davies in Orlando

SANDY LYLE, needing a par at the last to make the cut in the Bay Hill Invitational here in Florida, hit an eight-iron second into a greenside bunker, failed to get down in two more and will not be playing this weekend.

Sands of time... the 66-year-old Arnold Palmer, struggling to make the cut, chips out of a bunker at Bay Hill, his home course

Arnold Palmer, struggling to make the cut, chips out of a bunker at Bay Hill, his home course. Palmer had, in fact, come right off the shot, sliced it 40 yards right and 40 yards short. But he, who cares? Inevitably the great man has lost length. At the 9th, a 487yd par-four, he needed two of his very best woods to get up. Then he happily wandered off to the ropes to chat about it with the spectators.

Slimmer Montgomerie gives the others fat chance

Michael Britton in Dubai

THE slimmer-line Colin Montgomerie is not only a picture of health after three months of fitness training, he is as eager for a scrap this weekend as Frank Bruno.

sprightly Spaniard Miguel Angel Jimenez

In his present mood Montgomerie believes it is a gap that can comfortably be bridged. "I haven't had a challenge for three months but I am fresh and really looking forward to it," he said.

He has been in nightly contact with his coach, his brother Juan who is a fellow Malaga professional

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Robert Willis, an Australian who gave up writing about golf to play as a professional four years ago, and England's Jamie Spence were also left in Montgomerie's wake as he scored further birdies at the 13th and 17th.

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Lingfield

Table of football fixtures for the Lingfield league, including teams like 2.25 Talside and 3.00 Talside.

Wolverhampton (A.W.)

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Fryatt hot for cup of Java

EDWARD FRYATT, a rare Briton on the Asian tour, broke the course record at Jorogawi in West Java yesterday to take the halfway lead in the Indonesia Open.

tered before big European... for the best returns of 12000...

Cycling Break sets up Nice weekend for Boardman

William Fotheringham in St Tropez

SECOND place by a couple of feet here yesterday has set up Chris Boardman for the weekend's concluding three stages in the Paris-Nice "Race to the Sun".

Sports Betting Big Frank's price is too skinny but plump for an early result

Julian Turner

THE British public cannot seem to get enough of Frank Bruno, and not just in pantos. With Mike Tyson at tonight's short odds for tonight's title fight, all the betting has been on Bruno.

Weekend fixtures

Table of various sports fixtures including football, basketball, and tennis, with columns for league, fixtures, and scores.

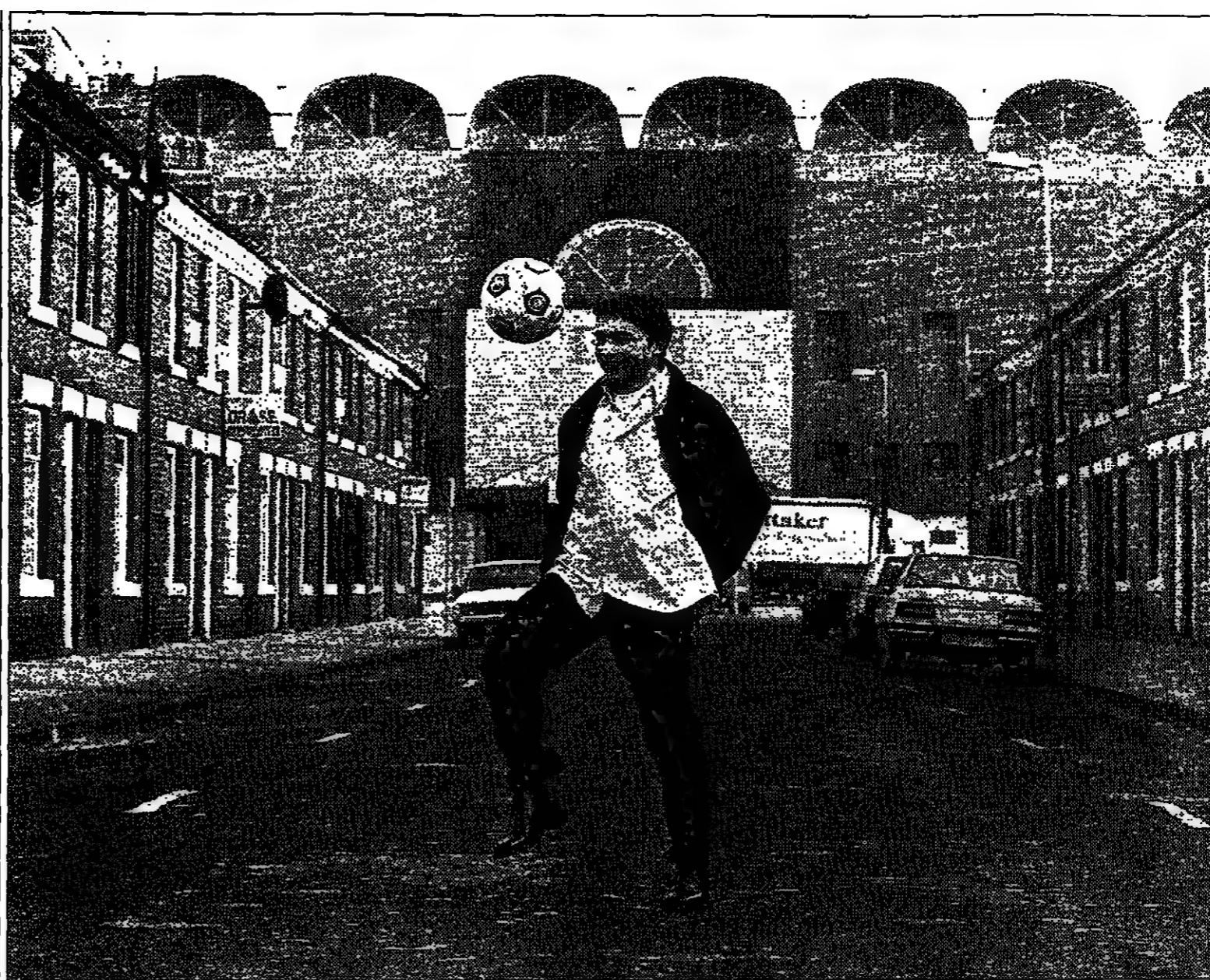


Soccer

Our nerve will hold, says Keegan

Martin Thorpe
IF FOOTBALL is played partly on the field and mostly in the mind, today will test how well Newcastle stand up to the psychological blow of losing their Premiership lead if Manchester United, as expected, win at QPR.

Gary Megson has criticised his controversial chairman Robert Chase over yesterday's sales of the defender Jon Newsome to Sheffield Wednesday for £1.5 million and his top scorer Ashley Ward to Derby for £1 million.



Streets ahead... Georgi Kinkladze, honing his ball skills outside Maine Road, 'is on a different planet,' says Alan Ball

PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL STEELE

Wright is back

IAN WRIGHT will return to the Arsenal side for today's game at Wimbledon, three days after his transfer request was rejected, writes Martin Thorpe.

from injury in the reserves today. Vinnie Jones got his wish of a Wales recall yesterday when he was named in Bobby Gould's squad for a training get-together in Newport on March 26-27.

A N Other

THOSE old enough to remember happier days where the river bends will recall this quick, skilful Aberdonian with affection. Over the course of eight years he made more than 250 league appearances, playing by a famous hill and fishing for goals with a favourite red. Brief spells near a small heath and merry miller's moor were to follow.



Performance of the week: Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa), whose saves on Wednesday did much to take his team to the FA Cup semi-finals.

Confrontation of the catalysts

Cynthia Bateman on the meeting of Kinkladze and Le Tissier, two sublime talents, in today's relegation battle at Maine Road

TWO extraordinary players who can turn a match almost with the flick of a bootlace will be on show at Maine Road today when Manchester City meet Southampton in a game both clubs desperately need to win.

The essential thing is that they both have the same task: if you get the ball to either of them in the right areas then either one can produce. Both of them can make things happen, and the pressure is on them to do that.

Colin Bell to watch him they came back raving about him. "I contacted the Thibisi president and asked if we could have first option if they decided to sell. When he produced that cricking winner for Georgia against Wales in the European Championship qualifier, which was shown on TV, I was concerned we might miss out on him. But the president was true to his word."

Like him take in the Premiership. We also had to make the best use of his talents, and I think I have come up with the answer by asking him to play deeper.

It is a tough little bugger, mentally and physically, and I'm happy he is progressing along the right lines. But he won't be the finished article for another two or three years.

Advertisement for Mercury MiniCall. Features a large image of a hand holding a mobile phone. Text includes 'SAVE £20\* ON SELECTED ECO PRODUCTS', 'No running costs.', 'With Mercury MiniCall.', and 'MERCURY MINICALL KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND.' It lists benefits like 'NO CONTRACT', 'NO MONTHLY BILLS', and 'NATIONWIDE COVERAGE'. At the bottom, it shows prices for different phone models: £89.99, £69.99, £59.99.

TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Bolton
David Burrows has recovered from a hamstring injury and is expected to return to the first team for the match at the Ricoh stadium on Wednesday.

Sheff Wed v Aston Villa
Sheff Wed have signed a new striker in the shape of David Hirst and John Sheridan are back in contention.

Scottish preview

Celtic have derby dilemmas

TOMORROW'S Old Firm confrontation at Ibrox is being billed as the 'Derby of the Decade' in Glasgow as the leaders Rangers, champions seven times in a row, pursue the nine successive titles achieved by Celtic under Jock Stein.

ers, Donnelly and McLaughlin, on to the substitutes' bench. On the Ayrshire coast today Walter Smith, Rangers' manager, has to spend most of his time contemplating the make-up of an attack which has various problems.

Cantona blows hot and cool

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

ERIC CANTONA is rarely interviewed, but even so he has recently been blowing his own trumpet. He is actually paying lip service to the Halle Orchestra's principal trumpeter John MacMurray, who travels to the Frenchman's home in Cheshire to provide him with personal trumpet tuition.

FULHAM have become used to blowing chances over the years, but even they did not expect what happened at the recent public inquiry into plans to redevelop their Thameside ground.

The club had thought the main opposition to the building of flats on three sides of Craven Cottage would come from local residents worried about parking problems. Imagine their surprise when three days of the opposition argument were taken up by evidence given by a procession of sailors.

AFTER last week's team of duffers, Neil Macdonald of London has come up with an international team with more positive virtues. In goal is Vital of Gil Vicente in Portugal, then comes Abel of Leiria in Portugal, Abel of Auxerre, Fortunato of Atalanta, Playfair of PSV, Fick of Eintracht Frankfurt, Terrier of Metz, Pias of Aalst in Belgium, Trustfull of Feyenoord, Driller of St Pauli and Net of Utrecht.

READER Jeff Hoyle of Kings Lynn, was on his way back from a game last Saturday in time to hear the radio commentator describe the Spurs v Forest penalty shoot-out... "and Ronny Rosenthal, another left-footer, steps up to the spot..." At which point he swears his girlfriend turned to him and said: "I thought he was Jewish."

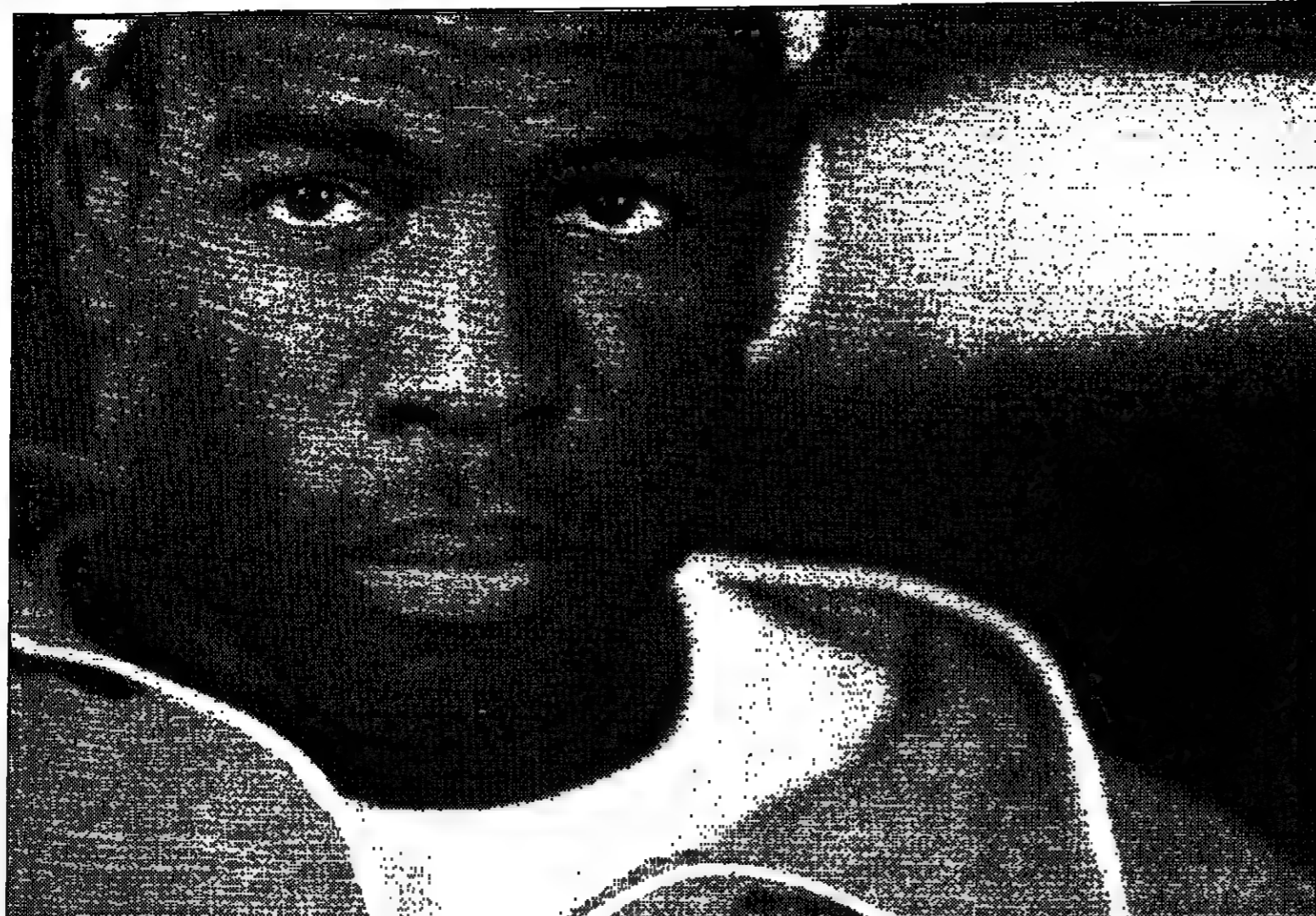
MOTSONISM of the week: "You get the feeling we are sitting on a time-bomb which needs igniting." Well, you know what he means.

IT'S OFFICIAL: football is trendy. Manchester's coolly hip Hacienda club is being transformed for the European Championship into a palace of soccer bad taste, with terraces on the balcony, a goal next to the bar and - really? - an Astroturfed dancefloor. Watch out for those break-dancing burns.

# SportsGuardian

## BRITISH FANS TURN OUT IN FORCE TO CHEER ON THE CHAMPION

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Mean, moody... and Bruno will be magnificent if he overcomes the fearsome Mike Tyson in their heavyweight clash tonight PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JEVONS

# Bruno against the unknown

Richard Williams in Las Vegas on the underdog title-holder's prospects of pulling off a victory that would surprise the world

IF HE achieves the seemingly impossible by beating Mike Tyson in Las Vegas tonight, Frank Bruno will still hold only one of the several world heavyweight titles available in the chaotic sport of professional boxing. But a victory over the American to retain the World Boxing Council title would be just about enough to make him, in the eyes of all but officials of the rival bodies, the undisputed champion of the world. That is what beating Tyson would mean, even a Tyson whose real form and fitness are unknown quantities as he comes into his third fight after a four-year lay-off. The hard truth is that if Bruno wants to win he may have to knock Tyson out. More than an average degree of optimism is required to envision the Englishman getting the better of a points decision over 12 rounds in a town where the interests of Tyson and his promoter Don King are aligned with the ambitions of big corporations like MGM, in whose vast casino hotel the fight is being staged, and Showtime, the pay-per-view television channel which is expecting 1.5 million American households to pay \$39.95 (£27) each to watch the latest stage of Tyson's renaissance. In Britain, BSKyB's toe-in-the-water fee is a compar-

tively modest £9.85. Still, for most of Bruno's followers, denied access to the telecast by the convergent commercial ambitions of King and Rupert Murdoch, the details of tonight's event will be as much of a mystery as Don Cockell's ill-fated 1965 assault on the invincible Rocky Marciano was to a post-war generation who stayed up deep into the night to hear the BBC's live commentary from San Francisco through the transatlantic crackle and hum of valve radios. Technology moves on. And, having provided succeeding generations with free pictures of champions from Muhammad Ali onwards, now it has found a means of taking them away. Unless, of course, the punters are prepared to pay. Which is a shame, since Bruno is attempting a feat that, if he brings it off, would compare with Linford Christie's Olympic gold medal. Cockell, contrary to legend, did not win a lavish show called EFX, a stage version of virtual reality. The question to which Bruno seeks the answer is whether his opponent tonight will be a virtual Tyson or the real thing as he comes back to the ring. Before his fight during his relentless advance towards the unified title in the mid-Eighties. Rudy Holloway and John Horne, the boyhood friends from Albany, New York who are Tyson's co-managers, unsurprisingly insist that he is back to his best condition. "He's been knocking out two sparring partners a day," Holloway told reporters. "We came here with 14 and we've only got three left. They've been leaving camp in the middle of the night without their paychecks. Some of them have been hit so hard they think Tyson has a personal vendetta against them." Ferdie Pacheco, once Ali's fight doctor and now a Showtime commentator, looked at it from the reverse perspective: "Tyson will be seeing a different Bruno this time. Bruno used to go into fights looking for ways to lose. He was always a very tentative fighter. He expected the knockout. He didn't have any fire. Now, he's got that fire." Bruno is out to banish the belief that he is a bright

starter who punches hard in the early exchanges but tires and becomes vulnerable after half a dozen rounds. His recent training, at altitude in the Canary Islands, concentrated on improving his stamina. At 17st 9lb he is 19lb heavier than when he last met Tyson seven years ago, and the extra bulk appears to suit his 6ft 3in frame. Lacking hard evidence of Tyson's current capabilities, we must listen - albeit with scepticism - to his connections, who were busy before the weigh-in pooch-pooling rumours that their man has looked lacklustre in the final stages of his build-up. "I'm ecstatic with where Mike is at," said Holloway, who works with Jay Bright, Tyson's long-time trainer. "Before his incarceration he was so good that he was getting away with a lot of things. Now he's gone back to doing stuff that he learnt in the days of Cus [D'Amato, Tyson's original mentor]. He's using his jab, being more elusive, thinking more. Mentally, there's not a fighter in the world to stand up to him." Horne, whose principal concern is the business side, answered the criticism that age has slowed Tyson, reducing the constant movement that made him such a difficult target. "Mike only moves now when it's necessary," he said. "He conserves his energy. He doesn't waste it like he did when he was young. When he moves it's to make something happen." Tyson's fellow Americans come in all shapes and sizes, and nowhere is their infinite variety more evident than on the floor of the MGM Grand casino, as they drift placidly in family groups between the reefs of slot machines and the outcrops of gaming tables, like shoals of tropical fish. But for the last couple of days they have been joined by hundreds of fans of both fighters. The fear is that a defeat for Bruno would combine with the goading of Tyson's more imbecilic camp followers -

# Is World Cup turning Japanese?



David Lacey

IN TOKYO the average price of a hamburger is £1.50 - official. Spaghetti the mesh sauce, however, will set you back a fiver. On such statistics the destination of the next World Cup but one may well depend. France is hosting the 1998 tournament, and for six years it has been assumed that the 2002 World Cup will go to Japan. Now, however, the Korean cloud on Japan's western horizon is something more than a trick of the light. Fifa will make its decision on June 1: time enough for the South Koreans to have shaved back in the running with tales of apathy among the Japanese public and, more importantly, the high cost of Japanese living sustained by the strength of the yen. Hence the rush of figures from Japan's campaign organisers to prove that it will be possible to watch the 2002 tournament without going on a starvation diet. A week of cossetting by the principal candidates can hardly fail to leave a favourable impression. The sort of attention normally associated with those who awaited the bidding of Louis XIV is not conducive to bad publicity. Yet look beyond the bows and the smiles and the suspicion that the Kabuki Theatre would perform the Mikado on roller-skates to help the country's World Cup chances, and it is still hard to argue. For if Fifa can give Mexico, which has earthquakes and poverty, two World Cups it can offer Japan, which is at least given to fewer financial tremors, one. Japan, moreover, has all the facilities of the United States in 1994 without the distance. You do not have to travel to Tokyo, or endure the pedestrian's nightmare of a simulated sparrows' cheap, while remaining confident that the real thing will not turn up to spoil the accident statistics, deserves a chance.

Shaping up. A comparison of Bruno and Tyson's physical stats. Bruno: 34 Age, 174st 5lb Weight, 6ft 3ins Height, 82ins Reach, 47ins Chest - normal, 52ins Chest - expanded, 17ins Biceps, 14ins Forearm, 24ins Wrist, 10ins Ankle, 44 Fights, 40 Won, 4 Lost, 28 Stoppages, 90.5 Winning %, 97.7 1st round KOs. Tyson: 29 Age, 161st 10lb Weight, 5ft 11ins Height, 71ins Reach, 43ins Chest - normal, 45ins Chest - expanded, 16ins Biceps, 14ins Forearm, 34ins Wrist, 27ins Ankle, 16ins Neck, 16ins Waist, 13ins Fist, 11ins Ankle, 44 Fights, 43 Won, 1 Lost, 37 Stoppages, 87.7 Winning %, 18 1st round KOs.

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any knock-out: they claimed talks had broken down. But Sky accused the BBC and ITN of publicising "a deliberately misleading version of the talks" and being driven by political considerations ahead of next week's House of Lords vote on safeguarding highlights of non-listed sports events for mainstream channels. Earlier it appeared that an international law firm had imposed a total terrestrial blackout. In a letter faxed to the main broadcasters, solicitors Park Nelson Thompson Quarrell, acting for Frank Warren and Don King Productions Inc (DKPI), warned that the promoters had licensed the fight only to Sky for screening in Britain. Warren and DKPI intend to produce a video and sales would be adversely affected, the letter warned. But Sky said last night that DKPI was reconciled to the news access arrangements.

## Guardian COLLINS Crossword 20,602

A copy of the Collins English Dictionary will be sent to the first five correct entries drawn. Entries to Guardian Crossword No 20,602, P.O. Box 315, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2AX, by first post on Friday. Solution and winners in the Guardian on Monday March 25.

Crossword grid with clues. Clues include: 4 Orange got cooked with cream (8), 8 Marx animal tortured and caught - one that's deranged (6), 9 Soldiers worked steadily and fired back (7), 10 Registration of dead - pre-released (6,5), 11 Soul: The working temple of the gods (8), 12 Choccs before getting involved with amateur producer Die Fledermaus? (8), 13 Flood left taxi upside-down in river (7), 14 Rope hauling up fish in catch (7), 15 Party abroad, a section of which Gaddafi established (6), 16 Grass to discard for horse (6).

People shoot other people more in a society where guns are socially as well as legally legitimised. This is a fact. However well behaved my son is with his gun in country, I know perfectly well that in his inner city comprehensive his shooting activities give him status. Sara Maitland. Outlook page 44.

Crossword solution 20,601. A grid with the words filled in, corresponding to the clues in the previous block.

# The Guardian Outlook

**The massacre of the children of Dunblane has thrown the liberal notion of human nature as basically good and redeemable into confusion. HENRY PORTER asks leading thinkers how the killings can be squared with our ideals. Illustration by GEOFF GRANDFIELD**

## Reason eclipsed by evil

**W**HEN Ron Taylor, the headmaster of Dunblane Primary School, said that evil had visited his school on Wednesday morning there is no one in the country who would oppose him. He has seen things this week that gives him a voice which is heard above all others.

The murders of Dunblane and the use of the word evil have tested the liberal conscience more than anything else in the last 50 years, more than terrorist bombs or serial killings or the disaster of Austerlitz. What has happened is obviously of a much greater order of magnitude than anything we thought could happen in this liberal democracy of ours, with all its familiar virtues and faults.

It seems almost implicit that what took hold of that school was a terrible extraneous force, and the only word we have for it is Ron Taylor's word — evil.

That should satisfy us, but it goes against every liberal's instincts to acknowledge evil as a dynamic in human affairs. If liberals admit evil in this way, then we lose hope of explanation and throw from the orbit of human responsibility things which we believe may be improved and can be controlled to create a better society. If liberals accept that Thomas Hamilton's actions were a manifestation of the utmost evil, and not the result of extreme psychological distortion, then we renounce the idea that a society may determine its own enlightenment.

The Daily Telegraph has suggested that there was a religious answer to Dunblane which is to be found in Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*.

"Suffering," said the paper's leader column, "even the suffering of children is necessary for men to know the difference between good and evil." This is impossible for the non-believer to accept. Every liberal conscience — whether believing in God or not — draws from Voltaire, who wrote in the *Philosophical Dictionary* in 1754: "Among the absurdities with which this world overflows, and which can be counted

among our evils, it is not a trivial one to have imagined two all-powerful beings fighting each other to see which of them would put more of himself into this world."

That is the way we think of it at a distance — cool and rational — but when we get up close to something like Dunblane and see one of those competing forces has tragically lost out we tend to agree with the use of the word evil. This certainly has been the experience of the biographer Geoffrey Wansell, who in another context has come into close contact with the worst our society has to offer. For the last six months he has been studying the transcripts of police interviews with Fred West for a book to be published in the summer. "I am absolutely certain there is such a thing as evil," he says. "There is an identifiable sense of evil about West and I think it has [a] pervasive quality. I simply don't agree with one or two of the experts, who say that if only you could have got to Fred early we could have treated him. If you got to Fred at the year zero you wouldn't have made an impact on him."

Wansell believes that in the case of West, evil was an "extra dimension" which operated above the usual influences of nature, nurture and free will: "It is a very important part of the Fred West story and I make no secret of the fact that I have spent much more time in church on my knees recently. What I have found is beyond the liberal view that with enough treatment you could have avoided what he did — that is not enough, rationality is not enough."

His reaction to the West transcripts is not the only one available to writers who deal with such things. I asked Gitta Sereny, who has specialised in the study of the Nazi terror machine, especially in her recent biography of Albert Speer, whether she could apply the word evil to Hamilton in a way that was used 400 years ago.

"That would worry me," she said. "Perhaps I am too rational for that. I think this man was obviously mad. I don't think that is a matter of evil in the religious or mythological sense. Equally I don't

think that it could have been prevented or predicted, although there is obviously the question of the guns he had."

There is a reverence for the word evil and also an anxiety about its use. People pull back from it because they know what such attribution implies for the rest of their beliefs. The writer and barrister John Mortimer, who has defended many killers, says he could not judge the greater metaphysical question of good and evil. "If I knew the answer I should be wiser than anybody. But I do think that generally a belief in evil is terrifically useful if you want to ignore certain things. If you believe that criminals are evil you don't have to take responsibility for the society which produces what we decry. It lets us off the hook."

The writer Richard Hoggart, who has recently published *The Way We Live Now*, a sometimes pessimistic view of modern Britain, agrees with Mortimer: "Understandably people use the word evil. Nearly all MPs asked about Dunblane used it. I find it doubtful as a way of reacting. I know why they do it. They do

it to show the depths of their rejection of this behaviour. It also suggests that anything that shocks terribly like this must be evil. It perhaps makes people feel a bit easier to say there is such a thing as evil."

Hoggart also makes the point that Hamilton was "definitely aberrant and out of his mind" which could not be the same thing as evil.

But how are we to describe Hamilton's state of mind, which on the surface at least appeared to be controlled enough for him to arm himself, make plans and travel inconspicuously from his home to the school? There was plainly an ordered intent in what he did on Wednesday morning, a conscious sequence which required logic and forethought. Although there is evidence of madness in his letters and obsessive behaviour, there is also at least as much evidence of the sort of evil that is described by Jay Glenn Gray in his book *Warriors*. "Anyone who has watched men on the

battlefield at work with artillery or looked into the eyes of veteran killers fresh from the slaughter, or studied the description of the bombardier's feelings while smashing targets, finds it hard to escape the conclusion that there is a delight in destruction. Walk on the battlefield and sense

has gone. "Ask yourself, if this was not evil, what was it?" says Cristina Odome, editor of the *Catholic Herald*. "This was someone who understood he would break every rule of society and reach devastation."

As Marina Warner points out, this is a view more usually associated with fundamentalist sects. "Generally the higher you go in religious ritual, the more people think in terms of absence of grace. But there are increasingly people of liberal persuasion who think of evil as being something more than a lack, or an absence. I can't myself think of a being like that, a sort of dynamic evil that is at work in the world. "Language is important. You get away from the problem of Satan and the ineluctable evil that will always be there doing dreadful things, if you think of it more in moral terms and less in religious terms. It is helpful to think of the word vice in its opposition

to virtue and not just about evil. That whole metaphorical range which includes *virtution*, the idea that something is spoiled, distorted, taken into the wrong is useful too."

I asked her whether vice was not too weak a word and whether Hitler's extermination plan, conceived and executed over a decade, demanded the word evil. A knowledge of conscious intention was surely important in distinguishing wrongdoing, vice and evil.

"The example of the Nazis is interesting. I don't think there was enough resistance there. People were duped or taken in and the *vitiation* spread, creating an atmosphere in which people voted for Hitler. If this man [Hamilton] was allowed to have handguns under licence, it is not demonic evil, but a failure of resistance. Why I am worried about corroborating a notion of evil stalking abroad is because it lets people off the hook."

Canon Michael Perry at Durham Cathedral agrees, although he is part of the Christian Delivery Study Group that researches and occasionally practises

exorcism. "A lot of people, myself included, believe in personal forces of evil. According to some there was an insinuated badness in Hamilton. According to others, the Devil got into him. This is just a way of passing the buck. You can't go around looking for demons to explain it."

"Whether it is an evil force inside him or an entity outside doesn't really matter. It is evil; it is wrong. It is not good and it is not God's will. What Hamilton needed was a psychiatrist, not an exorcist."

So Ron Taylor was right to say that his school had been visited by evil. It has an entirely appropriate modern application, which expresses the gravest moral outrage but does not of necessity threaten liberal values. To say that what happened on Wednesday is evil is as justifiable as Jay Glenn Gray's observations from the battlefield. Both men knew what they were talking about, yet I doubt that either would subscribe to the religious view expressed in the *Daily Telegraph* that the suffering of children is necessary for men to know the difference between good and evil.

**'What I have found from the Fred West case is beyond the liberal view that with enough treatment he could have avoided what he did. What I have found is that rationality is not enough'**

the radical evil there... it surpasses mere human madness" (my italics).  
Christian moralists insist that the act of Hamilton's destruction cannot necessarily be dismissed as self-evident madness, especially since he himself is dead and so much of what went on in him

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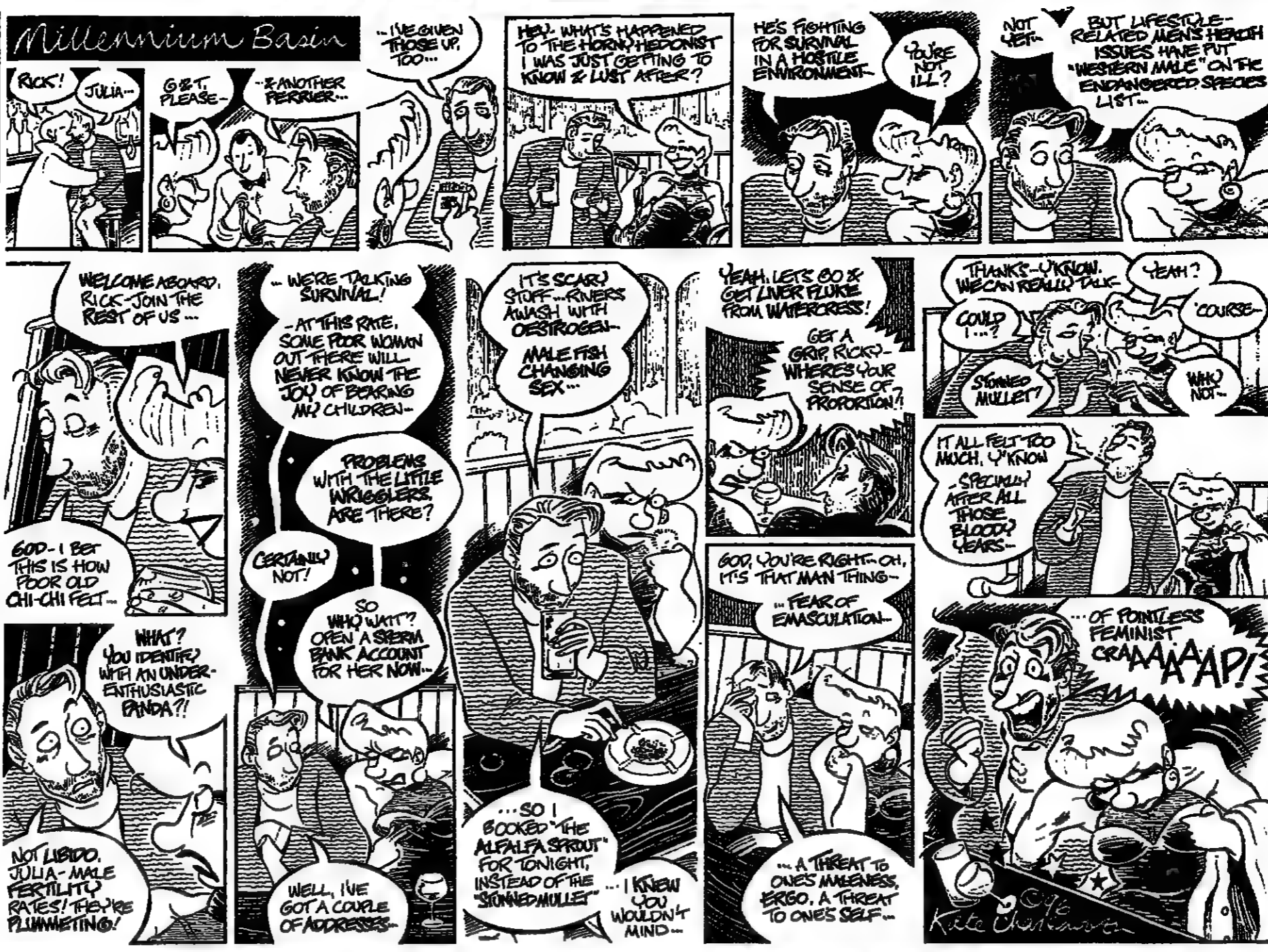




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# Sue Ellen slurs again

So you thought it was safe to watch TV again? Here comes Dallas the sequel, warns JONATHAN FREEDLAND

JR's been in England, plotting his revenge. Cliff Barnes is ready for yet another show-down and Little John Ross has grown into a fine young man. The Ewings, the first TV dynasty of the 1980s, are back. They returned this week to the city they made famous to begin filming A Dallas Reunion, a two-hour special to be screened in the US in May. Six years after CBS killed them off, studio executives are billing this as the greatest TV comeback since Bobby Ewing last came back from the dead.

film-makers still had to resort to Hollywood trickery, when Bobby was swimming laps, he was really treading on the spot, held in place by a harness. As so often in the US, reality and fantasy blur at Southfork. "This is the actual car driven by Jock until his death in 1982," reads a sign attached to a silver Lincoln. Does that mean it was driven by the character or the actor, and did he really die or only in the show? No one seems to think there's much difference. Most visitors are happy just to soak up the atmosphere, stop for a sandwich in Miss Ellie's Deli, and imagine they are chez Ewing. Family snaps are placed on bedside tables in the grotesquely nouveau interior and, say the tour guides, the punters truly believe Pam and Sue Ellen once laid their perfectly-coiffed heads on that very pillow. Just to remind you what it's all about there's a Dallas Museum, complete with a TV replaying Memorable Moments from the Lives of the Ewing Clan. Remember the time Jock told Ray Krebbs he was his real father? It's there. The "real" prop gun used to shoot JR is preserved under



Sue Ellen: consumed gin and eye-liner by the backseat



Gene genie Jones... 'My desire now is to get back into biological research. The role of being a communicator of science is far more ignoble than being a scientist. But someone has to do it'

# Talking 'bout my gene ration - the pornographer of science

JOHN CUNNINGHAM meets biologist Steve Jones, whose TV series in The Blood traces DNA's history. Photograph: DAVID SILLITOE

IN A shabby building in a hazy street beside Euston station in London, a small, wiry man with a hairy chest and exhibitionist tendencies is preparing to seduce a crowd of punters who've dodged the five o'clock rush to listen to his spiel on all they don't know about sex. By the time you read this, Steve Jones will have stimulated several hundred people, anonymous in their overcoats, on the theme 'The Meaning Of Sex: Stimulated but not titillated, for Jones is an exhibitionist in the way of brilliant academics and last night, as one of our best science communicators, he gave the annual Hildane Lecture at University College London, where he is professor of genetics.

the excellence of UK science, engineering and tech. ogy... that has a hollow ring to anyone working in these fields. To mourn the death of UK science would be more accurate. You can see what he means. After a year's unpaid leave to make the series, in The Blood, Jones, now 61, is back in the lab with no research funding. His last 10 or so applications have been turned down, so intense is the competition. It seems a ruin way for the grant-givers to treat a leading geneticist, who has set a fast pace through his research with those slowest of creatures - snails. "My strong desire now is to get back into biological research. It's hard to get money, but that's not unique, although I do make a point of whining and bitching about it in a particularly graceless fashion. But it happens to lots of people and I will shortly be putting in two more applications. And long may they float." Jones is a great one for self-deprecation, and he's lethally accurate about the dilemma of being a biologist with a public following. "I'm a sort of pornographer of science. The role of being a communicator of science is far more ignoble than being a scientist. But someone has to do it." His clarity is captivating, but when you see him on screen, it won't be as the update on AJP Taylor's lectures of the 1980s. We're going to have six highly sophisticated documentaries with an engaging guide. The Taylor approach was tried in a pilot, says Jones, but audiences

wouldn't put up with so bald a presentation. Instead, he's Attenboroughed his way round the world, pinning down the myths that cultures have about genes. So he traces the lost tribes of Israel, investigates the royal families where genetic risk is taken into account when members marry. And he shows how genetic differences across the planet are disappearing thanks to the possibility of transglobal travel for more and more of us. There's a bit of glamour attached to all this. After all, says Jones, laying aside his wand, it's fairly obvious that half the population of England is descended from William the Conqueror. And that "we're all a lost tribe of Israel". There's quite a whiff of the Bible about Jones - it was the first book about heredity and descent, as he points out. But also, the Good Book possibly appeals to his long-forgotten chapel-going as a boy, not that he's keen to resurrect it. Anyway, away with belief - "I'm in the worst sort of agnostic imagination - I can't be bothered to go into it". What he is most concerned with is offering guidance at a time when the media is stuffed with tales of sheep being cloned, the battle of good genes versus the bad, and muddles over whether it's desirable to manipulate the genes of a tomato or a brain. It's fortunate the call came to him, completely out of the blue, as he puts it, from BBC TV's Alan Yentob, who heard his lucid Reith Lectures of five years ago, and wondered if he'd like to take on the task of keeping us televisually

abreast of advances in genetics. You bet, he said. However, Jones the Cautious added the rider: that he wanted to keep viewers' expectations realistic. With good reason: "My feeling is that people have extraordinarily over-stated hopes about what genetics will do for the future and what genes do for the present." He reckons we're all avid for news of advances in his sector, and his integrity leads him to warn that "there is a danger of return almost to the mind of the 19th century, that everything is working itself out in the public mind according to some giant biological plan - people with good

good example. Jones the Teacher, Jones the Preacher puts us right: "Gene therapy is unlikely to work in the next 50 years. Nevertheless, 50 per cent of people would accept gene therapy if they thought their baby was going to be born homosexual." But if he's fairly gentle with a self-galling public, he's aware that notions of genetic pre-disposition can become dilemmas that are exploited by interested parties. And he doesn't exempt some of his own tribe from this failing: "Some scientists would love to be able to take over the function of the law, and say this person was condemned because of his genes, and that person was not. But the answer is that this is beyond the remit of science. Science has limits where race is concerned, where law is concerned." Fair enough, but as Jones gets known more and more outside his lab, and as the mantle of authority that a telly series bestows falls on him, isn't he under pressure to take a line on such issues? "I do take a line," says Jones the Guardian reader. "My views are about almost everything are utterly predictable. They are standard milk-and-water Old Labour." Getting on a soapbox to air them is one thing, but taking the soapbox into the genetics forum is less successful, he says. In the media, this is because in part of the media "genetics equals fascism". But, he counters, "It doesn't. Genetics equals genetics; it is value-free." Yet in spite of his caution, Jones the Visionary is present, too, and that's one attribute that's going to make compelling television. It's the way he tells his tales of futurology: "The extraordinary fact is that if I cut my fingernail, it keeps growing. But if I cut my

finger off, it doesn't. Why the hell is that? My guess is that in the next two or three years, we'll know the answer, then suddenly all kinds of big things will become possible. "We're moving from understanding we have a message to being able to translate it into a language - how you get from a cell to a human being, that kind of stuff." Then, comes the cool coda: "But basic genetics is really over now." If so where's the new magic? Jones replies that if he knew, he'd be on his way to a Nobel Prize. But he points out that the future of biology lies in what Darwin called "the mystery of mysteries" - what does a species consist of? "Modern genetics has broken down the species barrier; we can move genes between species in a test-tube, which is far more mind-blowing than cloning sheep." "But we can only do it with particular genes. Maybe we will get to the situation where we'll have an animal that is simultaneously a cow, a sheep and a wheat plant. I think it is very far from impossible." He grins. There's a bit of the wizard in even the most level-headed geneticist. The Southfork you remember, was that a top-rated series and a best-selling book that goes with it to his credit. In spite of his wish to go back to academia, it's hard to believe he won't keep a foot both there and in the media. Jones is, after all, a practitioner of the updated version of CP Snow's Two Cultures. Now the division is not between arts and sciences, but within single disciplines. So there's a gap between the enclosed researcher and the academic the public loves. The good news is that Steve Jones strides that gap in genetics. The pulling power of the gene, you might say. A theory he wouldn't deny.

## He offers guidance at a time when tales of cloned sheep and manipulated tomatoes and brains are rife

genes do this; people with bad genes go to prison. But it ain't like that." The problem is that every little thing in genetics makes front-page news now. "The classic case is these sodding sheep," says Jones the Vernacular. Monsters or Miracles? screams the Daily Mail's front page over the cloning story. "I mean, do me a favour, that work was done in 1963. Biologists got excited about it then, but I don't think it got into the papers. Science hasn't changed - it's developed somewhat - but the public is on one of its periodic feeding frenzies." And there lies the danger, for it seems we want to believe all of the wizardry all of the time, and gene therapy is a

glass, and there's a family tree, entitled Ties, Lies and Commitments. Red lines link characters by marriage, blue is for relatives, and white is for "Halloween". There's a lot of white lines - a lot of what-if relatives. It's all deliciously eighties, from the corporate excess to Sue Ellen's improbably heavy eye-liner. But Southfork has adapted. Now they welcome not just tourists, but conventions and even weddings, couples use the Old Barrens Ballroom and have a JR lookalike give away the bride. Why Dallas was such a smash is not difficult to fathom. It was America's first evening soap opera; the rest were all in the afternoon. And it seemed terribly glamorous. "You saw the grandeur of it all: money, power, oil, wealth," says Professor Hall. "And it was family oriented." Who else, besides the Walkers, all lived under one roof? Preston Brown, a tax appraiser, was worried about his two young daughters, oblivious to the Ewing history all around them. "In 15 years, people are not going to know what the 'was all about.' Would that be a loss? Yes, it would," he said. In America this stuff matters.

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You're nicked, for shining on Cuba - Havana mural ALEX BELLOS was biking round Cuba unaware - like the rest of the islanders - of any military crisis



## Ignorance is bliss until the writing appears on the wall

IN A world where we are accustomed to lightning media analysis of even the most trivial news event, the slowness with which Cuba reacted internally to its own international crisis is particularly symbolic. Havana's graffiti artists only took to the streets this week to denounce the public response to the missile crisis. The incident last month which

put relations with the US back into the cold war deep-freeze. On Monday, a mural 40 metres long was finished in one of the city's main avenues. Full of images of frozen Americans killing Cubans, next to slogans criticising the US blockade and the nuclear-incident, together economic sanctions, the Helms-Burton bill.

Locals were walking past without a glance. For them it is a painful irony that while the buildings have not been painted for decades, there is always a fresh pot for portraits of Che Guevara and pitiful reminders of the success of the revolution. When, three weeks ago, the Cuban military shot down two Cessnas flown by Florida-based anti-Castro

mercenaries, most of the island was blissfully oblivious for several days. While the world's media was in the light of the blockade and no subsidised Soviet oil. I parked up by a bridge and waited for the distant hum of an approaching vehicle. A man appeared 20 minutes later. He was hitching and had walked the last 10 miles. He looked at me with a slightly more crossed expression than the one I returned. Then he made plane exploding gestures and plane sinking to the bottom of the sea gestures. He laughed, and shrugged his shoulders.

An hour later, a Lada stopped 100 metres away, and reversed back along the fast lane. We put the bike in the boot and got out in the nondescript town of Matanzas, which, appropriately, means slaughter. Chatting in a cafe, Cubans were aware by that time of the US President's support for the Republican-backed Helms-Burton bill, which aims to end the US trade embargo to the rest of the world by saying that foreign companies will have to choose between investing in Cuba or the US. For any candid businessman, it is hardly a difficult choice. Since the Soviets left in 1989, Cuba's economy has depended on increasing business links with the rest of the world. Saving those links will just increase the immense poverty, say most Cubans. Varadero, a tourist resort two hours cycle from Matanzas, is the most conspicuous example of foreign investment: a five-mile stretch of beach and hotels, with Spanish companies building many more. At either side of town there are cranes as far as the eye can see.

A single room can cost as much as \$100 a night. A rough estimate is that Varadero turns over \$1 million a day, providing vital hard currency. Life is far from comfortable for most Cubans, although those lucky enough to live around Varadero were beginning to feel that in the post-Soviet era the country could slowly pull itself out of its destitution, that is until Helms-Burton. As an attempt to destabilise the Cuban government, the US policy is almost laughable. If anything, it has provided Gramma, the government-owned daily paper, with its most powerful propaganda for years. The current incident has strengthened Castro's image yet further as an anti-imperialist. Another irony resonant with dollar-rich visitors is that it is the blockade itself which makes Cuba, and especially Havana, most appealing. Havana's streets are full of pre-1959 Pontiac Oldsmobiles and Plymouths. Much is unspoilt and undeveloped. It is an irony most Cubans could do without.





The elegant grandmother (above) is Mrs Knittel. But as Luise Rainer (right) she is also a double Oscar-winner. RONALD BERGAN tells the extraordinary story of the woman for whom Brecht wrote The Caucasian Chalk Circle

# The double life of Luise

She's all light and gaiety; but if you catches her unaware, one sees a tragic face. One feels the luminousness, and at the same time this fragile feeling, a mysterious dual character. Henry Miller

**A** VISIT to Mrs Knittel brought unexpected rewards. Mrs Knittel is a small, elegant, grey-haired 86-year-old widow, who lives in a large, beautifully furnished flat near St James Square. She had been blissfully married to the publisher Robert Knittel for over 40 years. They travelled extensively and Mrs Knittel was determined to have a photograph of her husband and herself taken in front of the Taj Mahal, that monument to lovers, before his death of cancer in 1989. She showed me the photograph and the many original pictures on the walls, including a Munch, a couple of Degas sketches, and some of her own extremely accomplished paintings. Suddenly, I noticed two jollier Oscar statues standing unobtrusively on top of a bookshelf. They seemed out of place among the tasteful surroundings. On close inspection, I saw that they were genuine, having been presented to the German-born actress Luise Rainer for her role as Federica in *The Good Earth* in the following year. All I knew about Rainer was that her fame rested on the fact that she became the first actress to win an Oscar in successive years, a feat only equalled by Katharine Hep-

burn. Then, in film writer David Thomson's words, Rainer's career "crumbled so completely afterwards, that they (the Oscars) might have been voodoo idols". After only a handful of Hollywood films, she seemed to disappear into the ether. It had been the fastest rise and fall of any star. I looked round to see that Mrs Knittel had suddenly turned into Luise Rainer. I recognised the same woman described by Henry Miller and the intense and lively dark eyes that shone from the screen over half a century ago. Discounting her age, Rainer is so full of energy — continually jumping up and down to show me various letters and photos — that I (considerably younger) was left exhausted. She has been busy writing her memoirs in longhand for some years and has produced 204 pages, which has only taken her up to her 22nd year because, she claimed, "There is so much to say." I wondered what there could possibly be to say of general interest besides those three years of glory at MGM. She revealed, almost en passant, that the German expressionist playwright Ernst Toller had been in love with her, Bertolt Brecht had written *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* for her, Federico Fellini had begged her to be in *La Dolce Vita* and that Anais Nin had been infatuated by her. Though, in cold print, these remarks might read like the distorted and vainglorious memories of an old lady, they were spoken without a trace of



With an unusually relaxed Albert Einstein, one of the many greats she knew at the height of her success in the 1930s

got to the Biltmore Hotel and had to walk around the building five times before she had calmed down sufficiently to go in and make her acceptance speech, her hair uncombed. By the time the next Academy Award ceremony came around, both her marriage and her career in films were almost at an end. "They didn't know what to do with me. It was difficult because I made very high demands on them as well as myself. I was miserable about what I had to do." Rainer walked around Hollywood in slacks, wearing no make-up, her hair in disarray at the height of 1930s glamour. She also infuriated the studio bosses by telling anyone who would listen how much she disliked the movies, echoing the sentiments of Odets, who later wrote that most scathing of anti-Hollywood plays, *The Big Knife*. Neither was Rainer prepared to accept the method of negotiating her salary offered by Mayer. The mogul once said to her, "Why don't you sit on my lap when we're discussing your contract the way the other girls do?" The lady Rainer told him to throw her contract in the garbage. "We made you and we're going to kill you," he roared. She replied "God made me, and you can't kill a talent." But Mayer pretty near managed it. "Mayer put me on a blacklist. He had the power to stop me working for other studios," she remarked. "So I had to New York in disgust. I would have stayed if I had been given better roles. There was one I especially wanted like *Federica* in *For Whom The Bell Tolls* — I knew Hemingway and I had worked for the Loyalist cause in Spain."

rather grandly to read aloud what he had written to see how it sounded. "Two pages!" I said. "Absolutely not!" He replied, "Elizabeth Bergner would be on her knees before me to play this part." I told him I thought he had behaved outrageously towards the producer, taking his money and never delivering. "What's more," I said, "I don't want to do your play and I don't want anything more to do with you." Soon after this incident, Luise Rainer would become concealed by Mrs Knittel, who brought up a daughter, and kept out of the public eye. But the actress issued forth from time to time, portraying Joan of Arc in both the George Bernard Shaw and the Maxwell Anderson plays (she still favours cropped hair), *The Little Foxes* in Vietnam in the 1960s and touring the USA in *Enoch Arden* in the 1980s. In 1958, Rainer was in Rome where Lucchino Visconti had invited her to the Eleonora Duse centenary to do an extract from *A Doll's House*, when she was asked to appear in a scene in *La Dolce Vita*, "I need your poetic face," Fellini told her. Rainer agreed to play in a scene she would write herself. "It was a very hot summer, and I sat around for ages waiting for my scene to be called. Eventually, they got round to finding the location." At this point Mrs Knittel interrupted the anecdote to explain that she was reluctant to use foul language, but Luise Rainer protested: "Federica said, 'Look, Luise, Marcello has got to fuck you.' I was astonished. 'I'm sorry, Federica, but the scene I wrote, that you approved, was against his whoring around.' It was the last straw, I decided to get out. 'The Fellini swaggers in Rome, Fellini approached me in a crowded Via Veneto where he got down on his knees and pleaded, 'Please, Luise, you cannot go.' When I got back to London, I was bombarded by telegrams imploring me to return. As if to allay any doubts I was shown these remarkable begging cables from the maestro. It was obvious that these pleased Luise Rainer more than the Oscars. Why, more than the Oscars, would she never even wanted them on the shelf. My husband asked me to display them, because they mean a lot to other people." Ironically, the two statues, that she did not touch, lightly, are what Luise Rainer would be most remembered for. However, I suspect that Mrs Knittel is rather proud of them. *Ronald Bergan is currently working on a television programme about Luise Rainer*

affection and with such conviction that if she had told me she had helped Albert Einstein (whom she knew) formulate the theory of relativity, I would have accepted it unquestioningly. Yet, I found myself, willy-nilly, making a distinction in my mind between Mrs Knittel, the well-bred, elderly dotting grandmother, and Luise Rainer, the exquisite actress who had captivated so many great men and women. Elaborating in a fluent somewhat German-accented English, Rainer said, "Toller was nothing to me but a man. I was in my teens, and his fame didn't mean anything to me. But I had no room for him because there were so many other men in love with me at the time." A decade later, Anais Nin was writing: "She is white, delicate and floating... the essence of femininity... a flame who would have been loved by Artaud... no one, no one can be as Luise Rainer is, a magician casting enchantments." Nin and Rainer became confiding sisters but, according to the latter, the relationship became too intense. "I didn't like the crazy way in which she identified herself with me. You see, I'm not a lesbian at all, I love women, and I have many women friends, but I'm

not a lesbian, and when she came too close, I just threw her out." At the time, Rainer had just divorced the celebrated radical American playwright Clifford Odets after three stormy years of marriage. "There was a great beauty to Odets, but he was intensely jealous of my success and the men I was working with," she declared. "He wanted to have me to himself. I never should have married Cliff because he was not someone who should have been married to anybody. Our marriage was disastrous, although as far as he was able, he loved me very much."

**W**HAT was this extraordinary attraction Rainer seemed to have for so many? Perhaps it was an ethereal quality, combined with an elfin beauty, intelligence and independence. Although her German-American businessman father and pianist mother were cultured people, they were horrified when Luise became an actress, taking the leading role in Frank Werelkind's then-successful *Spring Awakening* in Düsseldorf. Thereafter she appeared in a number of productions with the legendary

Max Reinhardt's company. In 1933, she was in a producer's office in Berlin, and happened to look out of the window. "I saw a fire, and I realised that the Reichstag was burning. I was furious when the producer said, 'You have no right being interested in that. Politics shouldn't interest you. You're an artist.'" Not long after, an MGM talent scout found her performing in a Viennese rep production of *An American Tragedy*, and she was signed to a seven-year contract. Two idle months elapsed in Hollywood before MGM could figure out how to use her. Then, one day as Rainer was walking her dog along the beach, she met Anita Loos who told her that the studio was looking for someone to replace Myrna Loy as a Viennese girl opposite William Powell in *Escapade* (1935). It made her a star. Her new-found status triggered her first clash with studio boss Louis B. Mayer. Always determined to get her own way, Rainer wanted to take a small role in the new William Powell picture, *The Great Ziegfeld*. "Your first film made you a star. I don't want you to be in a film where you're out of it when it's half over," Mayer insisted. "But there's this little scene I think I can do something

## Hand in hand with the Nazis

**PAUL WEBSTER** on revelations of wartime collaboration by some of France's greatest film stars

**R**ENOVATION of the multi-storey Berlitz building on the boulevard des Capucines in Paris is nearing completion but even a change of facade and modernisation will not disguise its chilling past as the venue for the 1941 exhibition, *Le Juif en France*. This crude propaganda show was dominated by a gigantic poster of a Shylock figure clawing at a world globe, drawn by the most talented film poster designer of the period, René Péréon. Inside, one of the main themes attacked "the masters of French cinema", Jewish producers, blamed for perverting

French values and taste. By then, most had emigrated or taken refuge in the Free Zone and it was impossible for Jewish actors or technicians to get jobs, or even manage cinemas, because of the Jewish Statute which isolated the community in October 1940. But the condemnation of Jewish influence did not cause even a ripple of protest in the industry itself which had been working hand in hand with its German counterpart since the early Nazi era. Undeterred by the racial persecution of some of the brightest on the French screen, stars like Fernandel and Arletty and creators like Henri-Georges Clouzot and Sacha Guitry profited from the war to enhance their reputations. While the broader areas of the film world's collaboration have been documented, the extent remained secret until a contemporary producer and publisher, René Chateau, published a 528-page lavishly illustrated investigation, *Le Cinéma sous l'Occupation*. It took him 20 years to accumulate



photographs, documents and personal stories that dig deep into the national conscience. Like many of the people who will be shaken by the compliance, cowardice or cupidity of national heroes — Charles Trenet, Tino Rossi, Jean Marais and Louis Jourdan among others — who went on to dominate post-war cinema, Mr Chateau was himself a victim of a highly successful propaganda campaign. "I was born in 1940 and brought up on post-war films and comic strips that portrayed a France defiant," he said. "It wasn't until 1968 that I read a book which proved that French police led the roundup of Jews in the Grande Kafke in 1942. It was a violent shock." His work as a producer and

his friendship with Jean-Paul Belmont, whose sculptor father, Paul, joined a Nazi-sponsored trip to Berlin, enabled him to collect photographs considered in 1942 to be too provocative to be released to a French public anxious about the fate of 1.5 million prisoners of war. One picture (above) shows the period's most glamorous female stars, Danielle Darrieux, Suzy Delair, Viviane Romance and Junie Astor — the Adjani's and Hupperts of their day — with German officers in Berlin in March 1942. "Many stars had been working in Berlin up to a few weeks before the war, untroubled by Hitler's dictatorship, and were later regular visitors to receptions at the German embassy

in Paris. Many of the women were accused of "horizontal collaboration" with German officers, an allegation which inspired Arletty's defence that her heart was French but her cunt was international. Although Joseph Goebbels personally masterminded German production of French films, the motivation was to reinforce the position of France rather than propaganda, according to Mr Chateau. For the same reason, a well-established German producer, Alfred Greven, was put in charge of a new company Continental Films in Paris in 1940, that produced 30 of the 230 films during the Occupation, reinforcing the position of stars like Pierre Fresnay and Louis Jouvet, while helping to

create a new generation of directors following the exile of pre-war leaders like Jean Renoir and René Clair. "There is a legend that Goebbels forced French film-makers to turn out popular rubbish, but Continental financed some of the most brilliant of all French films that are continually re-shown on television," Mr Chateau said. "Six of the finest are to be aired again next month. But there was a concentration on safe subjects like historical dramas and there were a handful of pictures made in support of the Pétainist crusade for a return to rural values. However, audiences were exposed to second-feature anti-Jewish or anti-Freemason documentaries still considered so

sensitive that they cannot be viewed. Only a handful of actors like Jean Gabin, Jean-Paul Aumont and Robert Lynen, who joined the Free French (Lynen was executed), emerge with credit from a book full of bizarre anecdotes. Marshal Pétain was given private previews of the best films, falling asleep during Marcel Carné's *Les Visiteurs du Soir* and celebrating D-Day by watching a Christian-Jacque version of *Carmen*, starring Jean Marais. There is also an investigation into the mysterious death of Harry Baur, the highest paid French actor, and the only one to star in an important film shot in wartime Germany. He died soon after being interrogated by the Gestapo over

Danielle Darrieux (centre right) and other French stars with the military in Berlin

allegations that he had hidden his Jewish origins and insulted the Führer by shaking his hand. Mr Chateau also reveals what may be the most extraordinary location work of all time, the filming of *Merci*, about the aviation pioneer played by a debutant look-alike called Robert-Hugues Lambert in November 1943. Arrested and interned for homosexuality, he was replaced for the final sequences by a stand-in, but Lambert's voice was recorded through the barred wire of the Drancy concentration camp near Paris before he was sent to die in Germany. Apart from a few spectacular cases — Arletty, Guitry, Gignette Leclerc and Robert Le Vigan — the Liberation purge passed without disturbing the French cinema world. In 1940, it had passed smoothly from anti-German films to implicit support for Nazi priorities, and in 1944, it belatedly joined the Resistance movement. In December that year, *Vive la liberté*, the first film about the Maquis, was shot in the Boulogne studios in the Paris suburb. It starred Jean Darcanto who, in 1941, dubbed *Jeep Sissi*, a German anti-Semitic production shown throughout Occupation to huge audiences,

Dale Harris

The critic who created himself

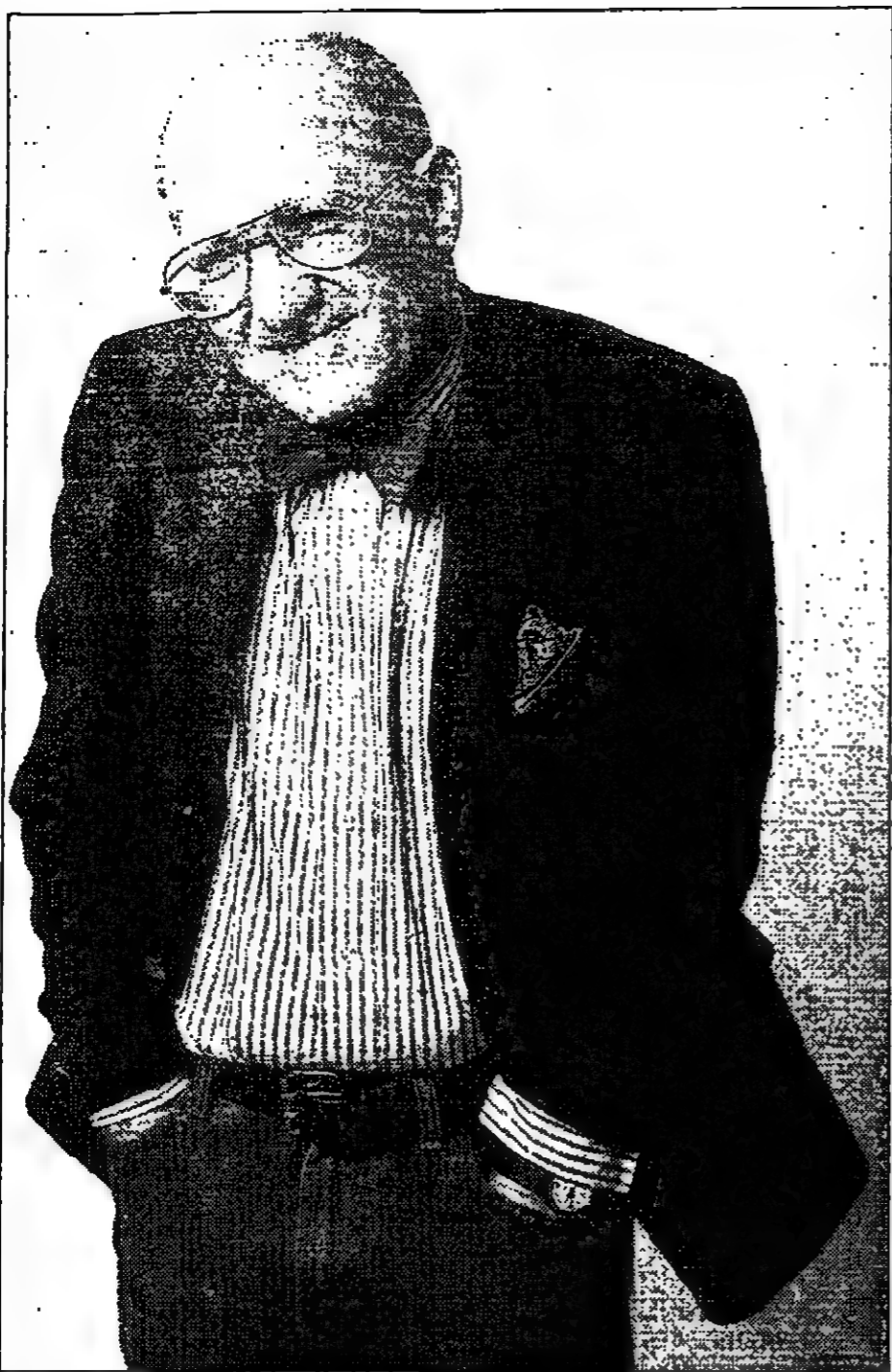
DALE HARRIS, who has died of Aids aged 67, was a self-made, largely self-educated, indeed self-created man.

He grew up in Dagenham and went to Hackney Downs School, a half-hour bus ride away.

He left school at 16, having scraped through the School Certificate. There was no possibility of any form of higher education.

A second turning point came in 1952 when, his fare paid by a cousin, he emigrated to the United States.

At weekends, Harris would hitch rides on Air Force planes to wherever there was an important festival.



Dale Harris... an expert on any subject in which he took an interest

most important event in his life thus far. On his release in 1955, Harris took advantage of the GI Bill and completed his formal education.

gave him the entrée to American society. The process of transformation was complete.

year he moved back east to become Professor of Literature and Writing at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York.

tained a busy schedule as critic and lecturer. His first lectures at the Metropolitan Museum came about through a chance meeting at a dinner party with Jacqueline Onassis in 1979.

By 1985, Harris was giving four lecture series a year, all sell-outs, on cultural history and opera. Two sets of CDs and tapes based on the latter.

In Albert Guaraldi's writing class at Harvard, Harris began a novel based on his experience of war-time London.

He wrote numerous catalogue essays for art exhibitions and was for a while a contributing editor to the magazine Connoisseur.

Throughout his life he remained an autodidact, becoming an expert on any subject in which he took an interest.

He was also a contributing editor to Saturday Review, writing mostly dance criticism; at the time of his death he was dance critic of the Wall Street Journal and a music critic for the New York Post.

ject in which he took an interest. While at Stanford he became a notable chef, and on his return to New York gave celebrated dinner parties.

In later years Harris's round-the-clock schedule of lecturing, teaching, and writing caused him to discontinue these parties.

Ashton once said to me that it was important to have the kind of friend one could ring up every night, no matter how late.

Now he said to me, "I've lived a life of deceit; yet the Dale Harris he created was the real Dale Harris, who won the love and devotion of all of us — friends, students, and colleagues — whose lives were immeasurably enriched.

He was a contributing editor to the New York Times, the Observer, Sunday Times, and the Sydney Herald Tribune.

David Vaughan  
Dale (Stanley) Harris, lecturer and cultural critic, born November 16, 1928; died March 14, 1996

Pierre Verger



Pierre Verger... epic journey with a camera

A cultural chameleon

THE LIFE of Pierre Verger, who has died aged 85, was as extraordinary as his photography. Born into the French aristocracy, he only started on his epic ethnographic and photographic journey after his mother's death.

Verger was the first to observe the inter-relationship between the religion of Dahomey (now Benin), and that practised in Brazil.

It was in the early thirties that Verger purchased a Rolleiflex, setting off in 1932 to the South Seas and Tahiti in the wake of Paul Gauguin.

The results of the Pacific journey were included in the 1937 book South Sea Islands, published in London.

In 1934 a chance encounter led to him travelling for Paris for his work was published.

The war caught up with him hiking in the Andes. Conscripted, he was posted in 1940 to Dakar in French West Africa as an army photographer.

There he photographed plants and people for the Institut Français d'Afrique Nord. Demobilised in 1941, he moved on to South America and worked in Argentina and Peru.

A key part of this journey was categorising more than 3,500 west African plants for the Institut. Thus did he stumble through a door into the world of the unknown.

In his nineties, he retained the ability to slip between cultures like a chameleon. In Salvador de Bahia, he lived in a favela on the outskirts, refusing even a fan or a radio.

The late popularity of his work meant books and videos were published in France, Portugal, Brazil and West Africa.

In this he certainly succeeded, sharing his many other achievements.

Amiranda Hopkinson  
Pierre Verger, photographer and ethnographer, born November 4, 1910

Death Notices

COOK, John James passed away peacefully on 12th March 1996. Dad of Peter, Jill and Mike. Father-in-law to Heather, John and Kevin and granddad to Nicola, Natalie, Stephen and Robert. Rest in Peace. Miss God bless you always in our thoughts.

Weekend Birthdays

YOU know an actress has become a heroine from the French couturier tradition: Maurice Pialat, Agnès Varda and Jean-Luc Godard.

It is as if Huppert had selected every role with its potential mythic status in mind. She can celebrate her 41st birthday today safe in the knowledge that her choosiness has paid dividends.

At the beginning she seemed vague, thrown to the winds, says the People, 48, quickly she defined herself. But the definition still left vast uncharted areas where she finds solace.

Her later roles, as a strike leader in Godard's Passion, the bourgeoisie looking for a bit

rough in Pialat's Loulou, or as Anna in Chabrol's Madama Bovary, have further defined her as the great modern actress of the troubled soul. MB

Today's other birthdays: Matthew Bannister, comedian, Radio 1, 38; Bernardo Bertolucci, film director, 55; Joy Delahanty, geneticist, 58; Sir Ewart Jones, chemist, Emeritus Waynflete Professor of Chemistry, Oxford, 88; Dr Sir Anthony Kenny, philosopher, chairman, British Library, 68; Jerry Lewis, comedian, 70; Christa Ludwig, mezzo-soprano, 68; Salim Malik, cricketer, 38; Leo McKern, actor, 78; Georgina Naylor, chief executive, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 37; Kate Nelligan, actress, 48; Roger Norrington, conductor, 62; Margaret O'Hare, secretary general, World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 62; Bridget Rowe, editor, the People, 48.

Tomorrow's birthdays: Patrick Allen, actor, 69; Prof John Baines, Egyptologist, 50; Jeff Banks, fashion designer, 53; Prof David Dilks, vice-chancellor, Hull University, 56; Michael Whittaker, showbiz, 36.



Tracey Chadwell, soprano, born March 9, 1959; died January 12, 1996

Tracey Chadwell

Giving women a voice

TRACEY Chadwell, who has died from cancer aged 36, was one of Britain's leading sopranos, possessing an outstandingly beautiful and expressive voice.

After graduating from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 1981, she sang with the BBC Singers for three years before embarking on a solo career which encompassed the very different fields of recital, oratorio and opera.

In her 10 short years as a soloist, she sang with the Bach Choir under Sir David Willcocks, and with many of the major orchestras. Her choice of repertoire, as well as being extensive, was wide-ranging and imaginative, particularly in her solo recitals with her pianist, Pamela Lidarti. A champion of new music, she commissioned

many pieces, from such composers as Elizabeth Maconchy, Nicola Leano, David Luscombe, and in the role of herself. She also sought out and performed the music of women composers, and explored the relatively neglected British repertoire.

In 1990, Chadwell was diagnosed as having acute myeloid leukaemia and spent 10 months in hospital undergoing intensive chemotherapy and bone-marrow transplants.

The experience we shared provided the basis of an enduring friendship. When, in 1993,

she undertook a concert tour of New Zealand, a land she had come to love, we made a winter journey into the high country.

After her recovery, Chadwell resumed her concert career singing in Matthew King's The Snow Queen in performances given by Jane's Minstrels, and in the role of the Countess in The Opera Company's Marriage of Figaro.

Her last engagement was probably Messiah, at York, just before Christmas, and she also sang, virtually sight-read, Michael Finnis's just completed setting of the mass at the midnight service on Christmas Eve at St Paul's, Brighton.

Many people will miss her buoyant, ebullient nature, her generosity of spirit and her musical gifts.

William Whitehead  
Tracey Gillian Chadwell, soprano, born March 9, 1959; died January 12, 1996

Face to Faith

Holinesses in an unholy row

Peter Scaer

MOSCOW and Constantinople are at loggerheads over the jurisdiction of a small number of Orthodox parishes in Estonia. The relationship between the Ecumenical Patriarch, His Holiness Bartholomew I of Constantinople, and His Holiness Aleksy II, Patriarch of Moscow and of all Russia, has deteriorated to the point where the latter no longer prays in the liturgy for his brother in Christ and communion between the two churches has been suspended.

The reasons behind this undignified squabbling centre on Moscow's refusal to accede to the wishes of a small number of Orthodox parishes in Estonia — 51 out of a total of 83. They no longer want to remain as dependencies of the Russian

Church, and believe that since their country is independent so should they be.

According to tradition, Orthodox churches who are outside the territories governed by one of the ancient Patriarchates normally place themselves under Constantinople, whose Patriarch is regarded as senior among equals. The Estonian Orthodox Church is choosing to revert to the status which existed from 1923 to 1941 when Estonia enjoyed a short period of national independence. Moscow, however, regards such a step as an intrusion by Constantinople into its internal affairs.

The Orthodox in mainly Lutheran Estonia are a tiny minority of about 30,000 concentrated in towns and cities. The majority — both Estonians and Russians — have broken with Moscow, and many who are still loyal are being

refused registration by the Estonian authorities.

The battle is being fought out in the media with press statements from the Moscow Patriarchate speaking of the oppression of the Russian minority in Estonia and the violation of the rights of Orthodox believers who wish to remain under Moscow. In response, Constantinople refers to the suffering of the Estonian people during the Soviet era, and of the enforced reincorporation of the Estonian Orthodox into the Russian Church in 1945. Both sides accuse each other of expansionism, spheres of interest, and of the great sin of "phyletism", the placing of national interests above those of the Church.

As an organisation controlled and nurtured for more than 20 years by the KGB, the leadership of the Russian Church is one of the slowest to

discard the Soviet mindset, isolationism, secretiveness, and a highly centralised power structure do not mix well with the new chaotic democracy, religious freedom and openness of Russian society.

Like so many, the Church seems to have a nostalgia for the recent past which seemed more secure and where there were clearly defined roles.

This sense of loss in the country has led to a resurgence of communism, nationalism and isolationism. Political parties of all shades woo the Orthodox faithful. There is a terrible danger that a schism might develop which could lead the Russian Church to cut itself off from the rest of the Christian world, including its sister churches, and become the religious focus for national extremists.

Constantinople is keen to defend its traditional role after many centuries in which the Patriarchate has found itself severely restricted. It was hostage to the Muslim Ottoman Empire and for 50 years after the second world war Constantinople found itself powerless to counter the Russian Church as it expanded its territorial and jurisdictional claims with

the aid of Soviet military might. Any Orthodox believers in Eastern Europe and the Balkan States who survived persecution under communism, were forced to acknowledge Moscow's authority.

When is a schism not a schism? There is no difference in all matters of doctrine and liturgical practice between Estonia, Moscow and Constantinople. The recent situation is in terms of ecclesiology a logical absurdity. Moscow has broken with Constantinople, but is in communion with most other Orthodox churches, which are themselves still in communion with Constantinople. This is a problem which the Orthodox Church will have to address. It is patently ridiculous for one church to break

communion with another merely for the sake of what could be seen as an argument over some property Moscow might lose in Estonia.

We must hope and pray that this rift will soon be healed.

Peter Scaer is lecturer in Russian at the University of Exeter and a deacon in the Russian Orthodox Church

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# Money Guardian

Love it or hate it, European monetary union will mean rich pickings for some — as MARK MILNER reports

## A licence to print money

**E**URO-SCEPTICS hate it. To the federalist, it is an article of faith. For security printers, graphic designers and scrap metal merchants, however, European monetary union means opportunity with a capital O. Take security printers. Someone will have to print the Euro banknotes that will be needed when the single cur-

rency comes into effect. That someone will have a lot of printing to do, too. At the end of 1994, according to the European Monetary Institute, the number of bank notes in circulation was a staggering 12 billion. Replacing them should keep the presses rolling for a day or two. Mints, too, will make, well, a mint. In addition to the 12 billion bank notes, the

European Union's citizens have some 70 billion coins wearing out the linings of their purses and pockets or stuck down the sides of their suitcases. When they are replaced they will weigh in, and the word is used advisedly, at a modest 300,000 tons — which is where the scrap metal men come in. As the EMI notes in its dryly official way: "It is therefore

likely that special procedures will need to be applied to speed up the processes of counting the re-flowing national bank notes and coins and checking their authenticity.

It may also be necessary to expand storage capacities if the destruction process of national banknotes and coins fails to keep up with the re-flow process. Whoever

would have thought the stuff was that difficult to get rid of? Still, there is a creative side to the whole process. The EMI is running a competition for the design of the seven denominations of bank notes planned. Would-be entrants can choose between "ages and styles of Europe" or an abstract or contemporary theme. Those of you reaching for the Apple Mac can forget

it, however. Only experienced banknote designers, selected by the national central bank, need apply.

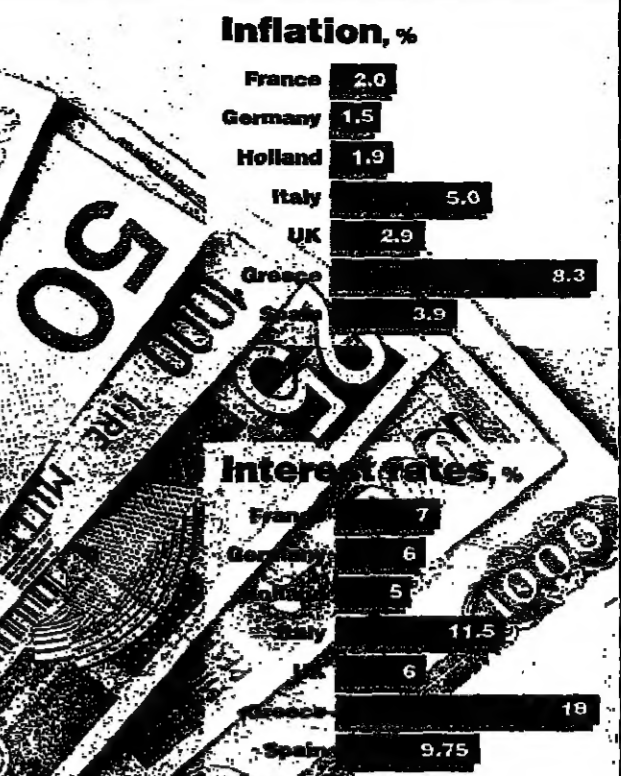
Firms which design cash machines, tills and automatic vending machines might think they are on to a good thing or a headache — depending on whether they work in the sales or technical departments, especially if, as is planned, the new Euro runs for a spell alongside the national currency.

But equipment manufacturers have already come up with systems that can handle multiple currencies. ICL, for example, has sales terminals which can handle 30 different currencies, though so far their application has largely been limited to duty-free shops.

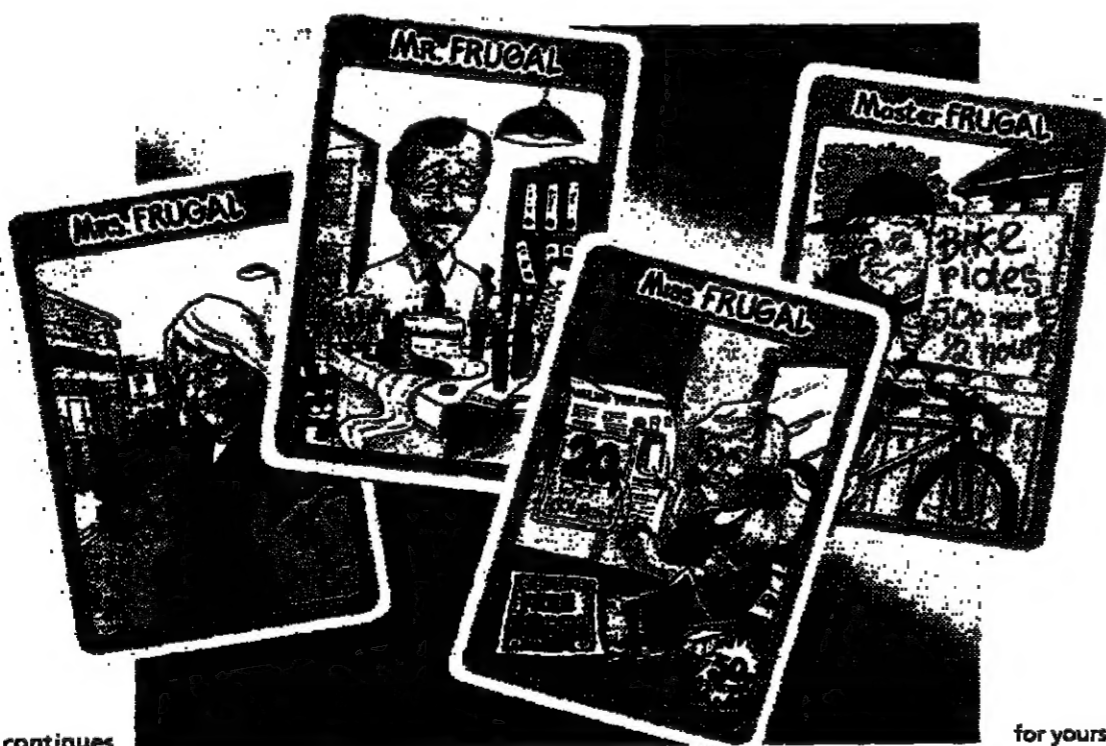
"If (the change-over) had to be achieved in the next two months it would be expensive, but with a lead time of years as opposed to months one would have more time to adapt," said an ICL spokesman.

**M**ORE than just the way we shop may change. The introduction of a single currency could well have implications for the way we save and borrow. Take savings. Britain has a culture in which institutional investors prefer to put cash into the stock market, rather than buying bonds — be they government securities or corporate debt.

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In a special report, Guardian writers examine what the future holds for a nation entering a new financial era

# Do yourself a personal favour

**With welfare in a sorry state, WILL HUTTON outlines the new way to play a lifelong game of stakes and ladders**

**T**HE twentieth century was the era of the large and stable organisations. Banks, manufacturers and government departments were all largely secure employers of tens, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of people.

In the next 50 years it will be different. Private and public organisations will no longer be able to offer that same stability and security, even if they wanted to. Technology, fear of takeover, the internationalisation of competition, the rolling back of regulations protecting workers and the crazy search for ever higher financial returns mean that the world of work will continue to be transformed.

Job contracts will demand impermanence as companies are compelled to organise workforces to achieve maximum flexibility over wage costs. But just as the world of work is returning to levels of rootlessness not seen since the nineteenth century, the welfare structures that people have become used to since the second world war will be continually eroded. At the same time, the eclipse of the welfare state will demand that people assume more and more responsibility for insuring themselves against the risks of poor health, unemployment and disability — and for educating their children. The level of risk in everyday life, in short, is rising explosively.

It is no use protesting that it would be more efficient for the welfare state to be modernised rather than for the principle of collective social insurance abandoned. A combination of ideology, fear that the necessary taxes will diminish incentives and a belief that there is no alternative before the forces of international competition — all false — have persuaded both the main political parties that the best that can be hoped for is a gradual attrition of the education and health system. British GDP may be four or five times higher than when the welfare state began, but, extraordinarily, it is now judged to be unaffordable. Thus every as-

pect of personal financial planning assumes an even greater importance than it had before. In 20 years time, if current trends continue, no more than 20 and perhaps as few as 10 per cent of jobs will carry tenure, and the benefits to which we have become accustomed.

There will be no such thing as a career; rather there will be a sequence of related jobs in different organisations whose term will be limited by contract to two or three years each, or even two or three weeks. The fortunate will be able to take the external market for the mass of workers the end of a contract will mark a fresh burst of insecurity.

**U** NCONDITIONAL unemployment benefit will have a very short-term unemployed, with the job-seekers' allowance extended to all unemployed for more than a month. Payments in relation to average earnings will continue to dwindle as income support is geared to price rather than wage increases. Thus those living on state pensions or income support will find their living standards frozen at around 1979 levels. To avoid that fate it is imperative to organise your own personal insurance for old age, sickness and unemployment.

The NHS will collapse into a two-tier service, offering universal emergency treatment, but in all other aspects rapid access to health care will depend on your ability to pay. Public wards will be regarded in much the same way as today's inner city comprehensives; as no-go areas confined only to those unable to escape. Private health insurance will be essential. University education will long since have ceased to be free, and the principle of paying fees will have been extended throughout the education system, diminishing public expenditure per capita on education in the same way it has on income support. Again, you will need to have saved in order to pay the fees. Yet although the object will



have been to create room for tax cuts, poverty, crime and social collapse will cause public spending to remain only marginally below today's levels — and taxes will, in turn, be only slightly lower. This makes it vital to begin saving early, especially for pensions, where the more you save now the greater the impact of compound interest on expanding the final sum. But be careful not to save with a public company with a share quotation; they will be under such competitive pressure that pay-outs will be poorer, with much of

the surplus being diverted to shareholders rather than policyholders. Today's much-maligned mutual companies, with the interests of their members at the centre of their concerns, are a better long-term bet. And ensure that any mortgage you assume has the maximum flexibility for those inevitable periods of under-employment and joblessness. Be wary of endowment and pension mortgages where the principal is paid off by the growth in the value of the underlying assets; you may want all that final lump sum.

Better a repayment mortgage from an old-fashioned building society. Hope that a different government or the intellectual climate will change matters, but guard against the possibility that the future will be a continuation of the recent past. Build up those savings; have maximum flexibility; and even entertain under-taking health and sickness insurance even though this may be against your principles. Take care — even while you curse the policies that have brought British civilisation to this pass.

## The inheritors of a bankrupt vision

Margaret Hughes and Teresa Hunter

**I**N THE next century John Major's vision of inherited wealth cascading down the generations will have become as passé as Viv Nicholson's proclaimed intention to "spend, spend spend" seems today. The priority for future generations will be to save for their future — setting aside money to provide income in retirement and to meet long-term care needs.

The current political debate as to whether inheritance tax should be abolished will, similarly, become irrelevant, as few other than the seriously rich will have any assets to pass on to their heirs.

For the bulk of the population their main asset is their home but, increasingly, more and more of the elderly — many of whom have expended their sole asset to finance such care as they have been forced to leave — are being forced to sell their homes to fund long-term care, leaving nothing.

The outcry from the increasing numbers of the elderly being forced to part with their sole asset to finance such care has finally panicked the Government, forcing it to grasp the nettle of long-term care.

The Government has suggested that company pension schemes could be used to fund long-term care, but the National Association of Pension Funds argues that only half the workforce belongs to company pension schemes and the vast majority of these people would not have enough in their pension pot.

Within the next few weeks the Government will publish a Green Paper outlining a range of possible options. Initially it favoured a "partnership approach" which links state provision to the private sector, whereby, if anyone takes out private insurance to cover the first three years, the state picks up the tab for any additional years. Given that relatively few elderly people survive in care beyond three years, this has obvious attrac-

tions for the Government. But it now favours an even less generous variation, whereby some care will be provided by the state, as raised by the amount of insurance cover.

The downside of such schemes is that they rely on people taking out private insurance, for which the take-up so far in this country has been very low. The insurance industry would like to see tax breaks on private insurance cover, while the pensions industry believes that a compulsory savings scheme with tax breaks is probably the answer.

Other ideas put forward by various think-tanks include an extension of home income plans, whereby people mortgage their homes to fund long-term care, and a variation of home reversion schemes where a home owner

**Increasingly, the elderly are being forced to sell their homes to fund long-term care**

would surrender part of the equity in their property to an insurance company which would provide funds to meet care bills, with the property being retained until the owner's death, thus leaving something for their heirs.

But whatever the Government decides, it is clear that wealth cascading between generations will become nothing more than a dream. Not only will future generations have to fund their long-term care needs but they will also have to set aside more of their earnings to build up a pension.

Bodies of all political persuasion are arguing for a change in our current pension arrangements to prevent catastrophe in the next century. At the heart of the pension matter lies the fact that the state pension scheme in

Britain is a pay-as-you-go scheme. People pay National Insurance contributions each year — not to save towards their retirement, but to pay for that year's pension bill.

This system worked well when the working population massively exceeded those in retirement. But it has been placed in jeopardy by changing demographics. While there are currently four times as many people in work than retired, there will be fewer than three workers paying for one pensioner by 2020.

Solutions range from encouraging more private savings to forcing people to make additional compulsory contributions. Either way, tomorrow's workers will almost certainly be asked to pay for today's pensions through their National Insurance contributions, while simultaneously paying for their own future pensions through additional savings.

Labour's future strategy on pensions is not a million miles from that of the Government — and both are based on a report by former Treasury Second Permanent Secretary Sir John Anson. Sir John recommends abolishing the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps) which provided a top-up to the basic state pension, and introducing an assured basic pension.

He proposes a basic guaranteed pension, which everyone would get, plus an additional pension which, combined, would provide an income of 20 per cent of average earnings. But the top-up would be means-tested and cut back for those with other income.

Sir John also recommended the establishment of a National Pension Scheme which would build up funds for future pensions. This would oblige those in work to pay into a fund to provide an even higher level of pension on retirement.

Even Labour is gradually coming round to the idea that Serps will have to be abolished and that a funded second-tier of pension is the way forward.



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A year after the collapse of the blue-blood merchant bank, the first disciplinary action is taken by the City. DAN ATKINSON and SARAH WHITEBLOOM report



THE CHAIRMAN: Peter Baring 'has confirmed that he does not wish to re-enter the investment industry'



THE DEPUTY: Andrew Tuckey will not seek positions requiring registration by SFA 'unless his duties are limited... to the provision of corporate finance advice'

Barings bosses face charges

CITY regulators last night announced the first disciplinary action against former Barings executives one year after the merchant bank collapsed...

to set up a new international framework aimed at fencing in any future Nick Leeson-style rogue traders. The SIB disclosed a world-wide deal to build "warning levels" into futures trading...



THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Peter Norris denies role in Barings cover-up

be high up on the SFA's charge sheet against him, as will be the "inappropriate" request he made, according to the report, to accountants in Singapore to omit from an audit document any reference to a rogue transaction of £50 million.

charges being laid. It did name the former chairman Peter Baring and deputy chairman Andrew Tuckey as having given assurances they had no intention of seeking direct executive management positions within the securities industry.

hard on those in any way guilty of misleading the SFA or breaching its principles of business conduct. And the July report identifies Messrs Norris, Baker and Broadhurst as being among those who, time and again, failed to take action against Leeson.

the colossal "top-up" payments sent from London to Singapore at Leeson's request, without any clear understanding of the uses to which the money was to be put.

THE REGULATOR: 'The SFA has commenced disciplinary proceedings against a number of persons involved with Barings... no further announcement will be made in relation to these proceedings until they are concluded.'

Richard Farrant (right), chief executive of the Securities and Futures Authority



Norris PETER Norris had been poised to move into the £1 million bonus club - when the collapse of Barings left his career in tatters.

Baker THE former head of Barings financial products, Ron Baker, was sent on "holiday" after the bank's collapse.

Broadhurst THE former Barings Investment Bank group finance director, Geoffrey Broadhurst had been with the institution less than 10 years when the bank went broke.

Lucas boss set to succeed GEC's Weinstock

George Simpson will take the helm of Britain's biggest manufacturing group next year, says ROGER COWE

BRITAIN'S biggest industrial company, GEC, yesterday appointed to have finally found a successor to Lord Weinstock, its managing director since 1983.

continued since the autumn and Mr Simpson told the board yesterday that he will not renew his contract next March. He is expected to move to GEC by the end of the year.

when he reached 70, that he would carry on only for a further two years. His attempts to move to Lucas from BAE into position were resisted by City institutions, and the GEC board eventually decided to launch a formal search outside the company.

restructured the remaining group into five business streams. His appointment could signify a huge shake-up at GEC, including renewed attempts at co-operation between the group and BAE.

that Mr Simpson's main task will be to break up the group. Already three of its main interests are part of international joint ventures: telecommunications with Siemens of Germany, power engineering with Alstom of France and the "white goods" appliance business with General Electric of the US.

tions. Many in the City hope the cash will be returned to investors as part of a restructuring once a new managing director takes over.

Failure to cure trouble at the top fuels fears of a takeover

LUCAS has had persistent trouble in finding and keeping top executives. In 1992 the company lost David Hankinson after a brief spell as finance director, swiftly followed by Tony Edwards, who ran Lucas's aerospace interests and had been lined up to

take over from chairman and chief executive Sir Anthony Gill. Sir Anthony finally split his job in two, bringing in banker Sir Brian Pearce as chairman and handing over the chief executive reins to Mr Simpson.

dering how easy it will be for Lucas to fill the top slot, and whether Mr Simpson's departure will once again expose Lucas to the threat of takeover.

and had assembled a strong executive team. Mr Simpson is also said to be keen to remain until an orderly transition is guaranteed and the group's recovery from poor performance in the recession has been demonstrated in this year's financial results.

Saturday Notebook

Time to regulate a better way



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE wheels of justice grind slowly, and with a great deal of needless oblige in the City of London. Nick Leeson, the Singapore trader, having acknowledged his misdeed has spent much of the year locked up and is currently serving seven years in Singapore's Changi jail.

made suggestions for strengthening SFA/Exchange supervision under the direction of a new Trading & Markets Authority. But simply changing the names and merging regulators will not deliver the clean markets Britain deserves.

Simpson's task

GEC, it would appear, has won its man. While the wall of silence surrounds Stanhope Gate, the Lucas board has, in effect, released its chief executive George Simpson for his new task when his contract expires in March 1997.

It has been the worst-kept secret in British industry that Mr Simpson is the favoured candidate to take over the premier post in British industry, as successor to Lord Weinstock.

The manner of Mr Simpson's departure is very much in keeping with the mystery that has surrounded the Weinstock succession. Instead of GEC making its own definitive statement this spring, as had been promised, Lucas found itself in the invidious position of having to negotiate his departure well before his task of restructuring Lucas and fully restoring confidence in the company has been completed.

Then again, Mr Simpson - like the person he will succeed at GEC - is not necessarily the sort of executive who hangs around. No sooner had Mr Simpson turned around the economics of Rover at British Aerospace, then he happily consented to sell off Britain's last home-owned, large-scale car maker to BMW - so moving critical investment decisions for the UK economy from London/Birmingham to Munich.

Yorkshire spill

TAKE a troubled company, shake-out the top management, bring in a non-executive chairman and leave the executive team to fight it out without the guiding hand of a chief executive or managing director.

News in brief

Siebel poised to bid for Unitech Siebel, the international controls and temperature appliances group, is ready to bid more than £400 million for Unitech, which makes and distributes electronic components and controls. Late yesterday Siebel announced it agreed to purchase a 25 per cent stake in the group from Electrowatt AG, a Swiss utility for £103 million in cash.

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